

Louisiana Baptists Oppose Federal Aid

SHREVEPORT, La. (BP)—A resolution opposing acceptance of federal funds by Baptist institutions and agencies was adopted here by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The resolution called on Baptists to "recognize and accept our financial responsibility necessary for the survival of our institutions, and (to) give expression of this recognition through a more faithful stewardship of possessions."

Louisiana Baptists commended "those brethren of our fellowship who have boldly proclaimed with deep conviction our traditional Baptist position on this matter, and who have put principle above expediency."

The resolution also asked that Baptists be "diligent and unwavering" in their efforts to maintain separation of church and state by refusing to accept government funds.

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho (BP)—In an historic session, the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention met here for its first annual convention, re-electing the host pastor as president.

C. Raymond Clearley, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Mountain Home where sessions were held, is the president of the 6500-member convention.

The convention was created last January in an organizational session when Clearley was elected president. It became the 29th state Baptist

convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)—The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists meeting here flatly expressed "unalterable opposition to segregation and racial prejudice in private or public housing, education, and job opportunities."

Kansas Baptists called on Southern Baptists to "give themselves to the decisive defeat of racism," because racism "is inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and an affront to God."

The five-point recommendations of the convention's Christian Life Committee also commended Baptists institutions and churches which have extended their ministries to people of all races, and expressed gratitude "for those

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Village Makes Christmas Appeal

The Baptist Children's Village has announced its annual Christmas appeal to individual Baptists and friends of children for assistance in providing material joys of the season to the boys and girls who make their home at Mississippi Baptists' child care agency.

According to the administration, special financial

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Commitment For Soul-Winning Urged

By L. Gordon Sansing
Secretary Of Evangelism

If a church is a soul-winning church it is because someone planned it that way.

If the churches of Mississippi are to win more people to Christ in the year ahead, then someone must plan for this to happen in each church. The church council, led by the pastor, is one way to do it.

The church council is composed of the pastor, the Sunday School superintendent, the Training Union director, the W. M. U. president, the Brotherhood president, and chairman of deacons.

There are special opportunities for putting into effect this determination to win more people to salvation in Christ. The Watch Night program for December 31st. is one such opportunity.

A suggested program is in the December issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine on pages 22 and 23. Special emphasis should be given the prayer time at the close

of the program.

Another important opportunity in planning to win more people to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord is SOUL WINNING COMMITMENT DAY on Sunday, January 9, 1966.

If this date is not the best for a given church then a more appropriate day for this emphasis could be selected. The important thing is to plan to do something about confronting Christians with the responsibility and opportunity of being personal soul-winners.

Materials have been mailed to all pastors and superintendents of missions that set forth suggestions for observance of SOUL WINNING COMMITMENT DAY. Every pastor is urged to lead his church in committing more people to soul winning.

Cards Available

Soul Winning Commitment cards are available from the Baptist Book Store for use on Soul Winning Commitment Day. A new and greatly improved card has been provided. These cards, when signed and turned in, will provide a ready reference of the names of people who have committed themselves and to whom the pastor can turn for help in witnessing for Christ.

The PASTOR'S GUIDE FOR TRAINING CHRISTIAN WITNESSES has also been mailed to pastors and superintendents of missions. These depth studies focus on the family and its witnessing role. The suggested times for this training are the three Wednesday evenings following Soul-Winning Commitment Day. These training periods are of tremendous importance in preparing those committed to soul-winning.

The evangelistic challenge for 1966 in the churches of the

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NEW OFFICERS and an executive committee were elected by the State Convention Board in its December meeting last week. From left, seated: Dr. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel, Board president (reelected); Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer (ex-officio); Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman executive committee (reelected); Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs, convention president, (ex-officio). Standing: Rev. Joe Triplett, Newton (reelected); Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, recording secretary executive committee; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Woodville, (reelected); Rev. N. F. Greer, Quitman, Board recording secretary, (reelected); Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Brookhaven, (reelected); Dr. W. Lavon Moore, Pontotoc; and Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, Board vice-president.

MINOR REORGANIZATION—

HMB Expands Work

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptists can expect new methods and a stepped-up tempo to their national growth efforts in the immediate future, the denomination's Home Mission Board was told here.

The board heard its top executive call for 500 more churches a year to keep up with population growth and for a creative approach to stay abreast with today's changes.

The agency revealed through a record budget, new personnel, and program decision that a new era has begun in sharing its responsibilities toward making the nation Christian.

Two days of committee and general sessions of the annual meeting emphasized the basic aims of the board—winning converts and starting new churches.

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, head of the agency for only a year, has strongly placed his imprint upon the organization.

Half of his Atlanta-based leadership staff of 61 hold positions given them in the last year as expansion, retirement, and reorganization have brought changes.

At this meeting mission leaders were elected for evangelism, language work, rural-urban missions, property supervision, church extension, and editorial work.

The agency also adopted a record \$8 million budget, which primarily supports evangelism, new churches, and more than 2,500 missionaries.

In addition the agency heard a report on the use of more than \$15½ million in loan funds used to start and build new churches.

Also, \$50,000 of expected missions funds from the advance section of the Cooperative Program were voted for use in Louisiana to meet needs of churches and individuals following damage by Hurricane Betsy in September.

The budget, because of cooperative mission efforts with 29 state Baptist conventions, is supplemented substantially in actual mission work.

Challenge Hurdled
Rutledge challenged the agency to a creative approach in contemporary missions, required by the "rapid changes that call for new insights and

procedures." He called attention to currents affecting society, such as population, increased knowledge, racial injustice, international conflicts, secularism, and moral revolution.

To meet these changes

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Dallas First Is SBC's Largest

By The Baptist Press
Seven of the ten largest churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are located in Texas, including the denomination's largest church—the 13,291-member First Baptist Church of Dallas.

A list of Baptist churches with 5,000 or more members has been compiled by the research and statistics service of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. This is what the report revealed:

Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., with 8,105 members is second in total membership to the Dallas congregation.

Churches ranked third through eighth in church membership are all in Texas.

Seventeen Southern Baptist churches have more than 5,000 members. Eleven are in Texas; one each in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

Listed in order of total membership behind the two largest Dallas and Memphis churches are:

—First Baptist Church, Lubbock Tex., 8,024 members; (3rd); —First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., 7,940 members; (4th); —First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., 7,702; (5th); —First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex., 7,072; (6th); —First Baptist

Over 1000 At Student Meeting



MISS MARIAN LEAVELL, BSU director at Ole Miss, observes theme poster with two students, Gail Montgomery of Mississippi State (left) and Gerry Strahan, Mississippi College.



WM. J. REYNOLDS, Nashville, associate in Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, goes over music with 2 local leaders Friday night. At piano is Rae Shannon, Blue Mountain College while standing is Lynn Prickett, of MSCW.



DR. WAYNE DEHONEY, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, tells some of his African experiences to two students at the State Baptist Student Convention at Starkville as two adult leaders look on. From left: Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state director of student work; Rev. D. C. Applegate, host pastor; Dr. Dehoney; Miss Gloria Young, student at East Central Junior College, Decatur, and Altus Newell, student at MC and state student president.

More than 1000 Baptist students from 30 colleges and schools in the state attended the 41st State Baptist Student Convention held last weekend at the First Baptist Church in Starkville.

The convention will meet in 1966 on Dec. 2-4 in Meridian. Altus Newell, student at Mississippi College, president of the convention, presided over the session, which adjourned at 10:30 Sunday morning.

The convention program consisted of inspirational messages, simultaneous conferences, special music, emphasis on student summer missions program, fellowship and a business session.

A goal of \$6,309.44 was set for the student summer program for 1966. This amount is \$100 more than was raised for this past summer's program.

The principal speakers were Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Ed Seabough, associate in Student Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Nathan Porter, associate in department of missionary personnel of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Wm. J. Reynolds, associate in Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board, directed the congregational singer, with special music rendered by BSU choirs.

The convention theme was "Called to Proclaim."

The convention is sponsored annually by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, secretary.

LBJ AMONG 61,000 AT GRAHAM SERVICE

HOUSTON — Some 61,000 people overflowed the famed Astrodome here Sunday afternoon to hear Billy Graham deliver his final message of the Greater Houston Crusade.

President and Mrs. Johnson were present for the concluding service. They sat in a special private box high above the speaker's platform.

The crowd began arriving as early as noon today. The capacity audience was reached long before the service officially began at 3:00 p. m.

Several thousand others carried colorful cushions to the playing field where they sat for the service.

After Graham had concluded his sermon, an estimated 1,600 came forward as inquirers.

At the conclusion of the service, Graham made his way to the private box where the President and his wife were.

As thousands of people turned and looked toward the President's box, the couple waved and nodded in response.

It is believed to have been the first time a president in office attended an evangelistic crusade. President Johnson fulfilled a promise to Graham when he and his wife, plus several friends and White House staff members, flew here from LBJ Ranch for the evangelistic service.

"Mr. President, this great audience today would join me in pledging our loyalty to America, and pledging our prayers on your behalf that God will continue to grant you wisdom, strength, and courage for the overwhelming responsibilities that you bear," said Graham. "Welcome, Mr. President, and may God bless you and your

family always."

Graham told the President, as well as the others in the audience, that nearly 400,000 people had come to the stadium to protest sin and moral evil—and to affirm their belief in moral integrity and old fashioned religious convictions.

During his sermon, following his informal remarks of welcome to the Chief Executive, Graham declared that "modern man does not like to think of God in terms of wrath, anger and judgment."

It was the famed preacher's opinion that today's man likes to fashion God after his own preferences and give God the characteristics he wants God to possess.

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50 Churches

Leading In Total Number Of Baptisms

(For Associational Year 1964-65)

Church & Pastor	No. of Baptisms
1. Broadmoor, Jackson—David Grant	124
2. Hillcrest, Jackson—G. C. Cox	122
3. Riverside, Clarksdale—Clyde Williams	113
4. Van Winkle, Jackson—Herman Milner	111
5. First, Biloxi—(No pastor)	101
6. First, Greenville—Perry Claxton	99
7. First, Columbia—Howard Aultman	87
Midway, Jackson—Benton Preston	87
9. Ridgcrest, Jackson—Fred Tarpley	79
Parkway, Jackson—Bill Causey	79
Alta Woods, Jackson—Joe Cothen	75
12. Daniel Memorial, Jackson—Allen Webb	75
13. First, Vicksburg—John McCall	74
14. First, Gulfport—William Tanner	70
15. Park Hill, Jackson—Johnny Gipson	67
16. Magnolia St., Laurel—Clyde Little	65
17. First, Greenwood—Clifton Perkins	64
18. Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg—Gwin Turner	63
Oakhurst, Clarksdale—F. K. Horton	63
Calvary, Greenwood—Wilburn Matthews	63

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Cooperative Gifts In Slight Drop

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for November totaled \$174,886.14, a decrease of \$19,515.93 under the \$194,402.07 given in November a year ago.

This was a decrease of 11.2% under the amount given in November a year ago, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The goal for this convention year is \$2,240,000 with the convention year to end October 31, 1966.

W. C. Howard Passes Away

Funeral services for Rev. W. C. Howard, of Water Valley, were held Monday of this week at the First Church in that city, following his death on Saturday of a heart attack.

Conducting the service was Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, assisted by Rev. Joel Haire of Water Valley and Rev. Bynum Eadsen of Coffeeville.

Mr. Howard had retired in 1964 as pastor of First Church in Water Valley after serving the church as pastor for 28 years.

Mr. Howard was survived by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Barker Howard; three sons, Wm. Clyde Howard, Jr., Nashville; Dr. Wm. D. Howard, Pontotoc; Tommy Howard, Crystal Springs; one brother, one sister and four grandchildren.

He was a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest college and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Prior to going to Water Valley he had served churches in Florida and Forest.

He has been active in denominational affairs, having served on the board of trustees of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi College and the Historical Commission.

He had also served as moderator of the Yalobusha County Association.

HMB Expands - -

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more effectively he indicated an increase emphasis would be given to research and special test projects, noting that present studies were underway with ex-prisoners, problems of churches in transitional communities, and the downtown church.

Test projects now are studying ministries to high-rise apartments, social ministries in mountain missions, and the use of newspaper advertising in evangelism.

He called for more than 500 new churches each year "to maintain the present membership ratio to the expanding population."

"Unreached areas and teeming cities provide challenges of the first magnitude for the beginning of needed churches," he said.

He also called for continued emphasis on ministering to all persons of special need, regardless of race or other characteristics.

In a move to strengthen its approach to the Baptist association, local groupings of churches, the board effected a minor reorganization of the missions division.

A new position, that of associate director to Hugo Culpepper, was created and given to veteran missions leader Loyd Corder of Atlanta, now secretary of the language missions department.

Culpepper said that while Corder would assist in all of the work of the division, he would major in coordinating mission work through Baptist associations.

Corder will coordinate the board's programs of establishing new churches and church-type missions and associational administration as implemented by departments in the division.

To replace Corder, his associate, Gerald B. Palmer was asked to become secretary of the language missions department.

C. Wilson Brunley, a native of Many, La., now the associate secretary of the rural-urban department was named secretary of that work.

Below In New Post
M. Wendel Below was made program secretary of the department of pioneer missions, and E. Warren Wolf of Atlanta, Baptist student director for Georgia Tech, heads a new department of special mission ministries.

Another new position, that of secretary of mission property, was given to Meeler Markham, now state missions secretary for Kansas Southern Baptists.

William D. Lawes of Phoenix, presently evangelism director for Baptists in Arizona, will become associate director of the division of evangelism to do evangelism promotion.

Added to the editorial department was a news editor, Dallas M. Lee of Philadelphia, Pa. New news bureau chief for "Purchasing Week," a



A GROUP OF religious education students from Mississippi College, under direction of Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor of religious education, visited several points of interest to Baptists in the Jackson area on Nov. 30. They are seen in front of Baptist Building along with Therman Bryant, associate in State Baptist Cooperative Missions Department, who directs the denominational in-service training program of which the visit was a part and Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions.

State Secretaries To Hold Annual Meetings At SSB

NASHVILLE — The Sunday School Board's education division will host annual meetings of state Training Union, Sunday school, music and student secretaries and their associates December 14-17 at the Board.

State executive secretaries and evangelism secretaries will join these groups December 15-17 in discussing the implementation of Convention-wide plans for 1966-67.

Church building consultants for the states will meet December 13-14 with the staff of the Board's church architecture department.

A highlight of the week will be a dinner Dec. 15 in honor of Dr. Harold E. Ingraham, director of the service division, who will retire February 28 after 44 years of service with the Board. The event is being planned by the education division in cooperation with the departments in the service division.

A joint session following the dinner will feature the Sunday School Growth Plan and the new Life and Work Curriculum. This will be followed by the dramatic presentation "I Saw Him," directed by Cecil McGee, consultant in the Board's church recreation department.

Joint sessions will be attended by the state secretaries and members of the Board's education, publishing, book store and service divisions.

Dallas First - -

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Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., 6,817 members (7th); — Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, 6,615 members; (8th); — First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., 6,255 members; (9th); — Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., 6,133 members; (10th).

—First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, 5,872 members; (11th); — South Main Baptist Church, Houston, 5,777 members (12th); — Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 5,631 members (13th); — Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 5,326 members (14th); — First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., 5,323 members (15th); — First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., 5,327 members (16th); — Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 5,103 members (17th).

State Roundup - -

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Individual Christians and churches who are involving themselves redemptively in community race relations."

They also pledged "to support laws designed to guarantee the legal rights of Negroes in our democracy and to go beyond those laws by practicing Christian love and reconciliation in all human relationships."

publication of McCraw-Hill Inc., Lee will also serve as associate editor of the board's magazine.

The board re-elected Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church of Birmingham, as its president, and also re-elected David Hall of Phoenix as first vice-president, W. Arnold Smith of Atlanta as second vice-president, and Mrs. Clint E. Rogers of Atlanta as recording secretary. Miss Marie Cooper of Atlanta was named assistant recording secretary.

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21. First, Starkville—D. C. Applegate	61
22. Oak Forest, Jackson—Tommy Hudson	58
23. First, Pacagoula—Clark McMurray	57
24. First, Raleigh—Billy Crosby	54
Calvary, Jackson—Joe Tuten	54
26. Emmanuel, Greenville—Robert Perry	51
W. Jackson, Jackson—Jack Nazary	51
Southaven—B. F. McIlwain	51
29. Woodland Hills, Jackson—Fuller Saunders	50
Emmanuel, Biloxi—Justus Garrett	50
31. Ridgecrest (Lebanon)—James Whittington	48
32. First, Florence—J. P. Fancher	47
Petal Harvey—O. D. Thompson	47
First, Lumberton—(No pastor)	47
Stonewall—John Merck	47
36. Calvary, Greenville—J. B. Miller	46
Second, Indianola—A. L. Hatten	46
Highland, Meridian—Raymond Parker	46
Pass Road, Gulfport—John W. Wade, Sr.	46
Handsboro—E. N. Wilkinson	46
41. First, Carriere—William Smith	45
First, Hattiesburg—Clyde Bryan	45
First, Grenada—Bob Leavell	45
44. Greenfield, Greenville—L. H. McCullough	44
Emmanuel, (Jackson)—Bertus West	44
46. Sunshine (Rankin)—S. N. Vaughn	43
Blue Lake (Quitman)—C. W. Sullivan	43
First, Booneville—Billy Roby	43
Calvary, Tupelo—(No Pastor)	43
State Blvd., Meridian—W. A. Robinson	43

25 Churches

Leading In Number Of Baptisms In Ratio To Church Membership

(For Associational Year 1964-65)

Church and Pastor	Members	Baptisms	Ratio
1. New Hope (Rankin)—Blackburn Ross	40	16	2.50
2. Keownville (Union)—J. R. Lively	38	15	2.53
3. North Side (George)—M. D. Williams	75	27	2.77
4. Blue Lake (Quitman)—C. W. Sullivan	133	43	3.09
5. Steens, First (Lowndes)—(No Pastor)	58	17	3.41
6. Midway (Bolivar)—R. L. Wilcutt	94	27	3.48
7. Indian Springs (Perry)—B. A. Conway	131	33	3.96
8. Bethany (Marshall)—E. J. Rhea	76	19	4.00
9. Emmanuel, Starkville—Jack Maroon	154	6	4.05
10. Fellowship (Chickasaw)—Jimmy Gore	39	9	4.33
11. Trinity, (Neshoba)—(No Pastor)	61	14	4.35
12. Northcrest Mission (Lauderdale)—Leonard Holloway	31	7	4.42
13. People (Tippah)—Robert Vandiver	67	15	4.46
14. Riverside, Clarksdale—Clyde Williams	519	113	4.59
15. Liberty (Newton)—T. L. Everett	176	37	4.75
16. S. Columbia, Columbia—Alfred Jones	139	29	4.79
17. Forrest Hill (George)—B. F. Smith	35	7	5.00
18. New Hope (Lafayette)—J. W. Massie	26	5	5.20
19. Gregory Chapel (Monroe)—H. V. Brown	82	15	5.46
20. Springhill (Choctaw)—John Snell	22	4	5.50
21. Greenfield, Greenville—L. H. McCullough	244	44	5.54
22. Deer Creek (Sharkey)—C. A. Johnson	63	11	5.72
23. Winston (Winston)—Thompson Pitts	53	9	5.88
24. Shoreline Chapel (Gulf Coast)—Wilbur Hall	12	2	6.00
25. Salem (Marshall)—William Green	175	29	6.03

(All figures in both lists above according to records received in Evangelism Department.)

SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE — A church secretaries' conference will be held April 11-13, 1966, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Sponsoring the conference are the Sunday School Board's church administration department and the seminary's school of religious education. Participants will study in detail staff relationships, office organization and procedures, filing, church records, church publications, staff benefits and retirement.

The conference will be directed by Miss Gracie

Knowlton, professor of educational arts and secretarial training at the seminary.

Other program personalities will include: Miss Lucy R. Hoskins and Idus V. Owensby, both of the church administration department; Miss Adelle Carlson of the Board's church recreation department; and Dr. A. Donald Bell and Dr. Charles A. Tidwell, both of the seminary's school of religious education.

For registration information and motel accommodations, write: Miss Gracie Knowlton, Box 22326, Fort Worth, Tex. 76122.

WORLD BAPTIST YOUTH WILL MEET IN EUROPE IN 1968

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — Six European cities are being considered as the meeting place for the 1968 Baptist Youth World Conference.

The administrative committee of the Baptist World Alliance's Youth Department has instructed Secretary Robert S. Denny to continue investigation into auditorium and housing arrangements at Duesseldorf, Germany; Vienna, Austria; and Geneva, Basel, Berne or Zurich, Switzerland.

The youth group also have consideration to a theme and program outline for the 1968 meeting, and asked Dr. Denny to invite national leaders throughout the world to suggest personnel to participate on the program.

The Flight For Life

By Chaplain Jerry L. Bice
Montgomery Baptist Informant

Someone once described flying a plane as hours of peace and tranquility filled with moments of stark terror. The same description could be applied to life.

When an airplane is flown straight and level, it is in a balanced position in relation to the earth's surface. If the plane noses up or down or if it crabs, it moves under strain. Unless it is trimmed to fly straight and level, the plane continues to fly under strain, perhaps causing those moments of stark terror.

The same is true with people. If a person lives his life in accordance with the flight plan God has filed for him and keeps straight and level with God's surface, there are fewer stresses on life and the stresses that do appear can be trimmed out to bring about level flight.

The opposite is also true. If a person files his own flight plan for life, pays no attention to forecasters, buzzes too close to the earth, plays unprofessionally with the stick, and lets his life crab into meaninglessness, then he is in for a full life of stark terror.

To fly at peak efficiency, a plane must be in a position that offers the least possible resistance to its movements through the air. This is accomplished by trimming the plane. Like every proficient and professional pilot who trims his plane, every person must at sometime trim his life to offer the least possible resistance to God.

To live life to its fullest extent you must become a professional at living. HOW? Use life's checklist: THE BIBLE. Seek out navigational aids: THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. Build up your flight time: BE ACTIVE in a religious program. Keep abreast of new developments: STUDY YOUR FAITH. Use your radio equipment: PRAYER. Keep in contact: PARTAKE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER. Above all, don't forget to file your flight plan. Only you can decide where you are going!

HAPPY LANDINGS!

Village Makes - -

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assistance from individuals is needed with approximately 130 youngsters.

Persons who share in this effort may either purchase gifts for the children and mail or deliver them to the Village, or in the alternative, cash contributions, designated for Christmas may be mailed to the Village, and the staff will purchase the gifts.

The administration at The Children's Village has pointed out that gifts of clothing are most helpful and welcomed and that names and sizes of children who need Christmas sponsorship will be furnished upon request. Individuals who prefer cash sponsorship will be mailed the name of the child or children benefitting from the contribution on request also.

Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery has stated that without the help of individual friends of the children, the Village will be unable to provide gifts at Christmas in the customary manner, and that help is needed this year in a greater degree than for many years past.

Mail inquiries directed to The Baptist Children's Village at Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 or telephone inquiries to Jackson, 922-2242 will be appreciated.

MC Professor Publishes Book On Doctrine

A Mississippi College Bible and Greek professor has just released a new textbook on Christian Doctrines that is now being used in a number of Baptist colleges throughout the country.

Dr. William W. Stevens, professor of Bible and New Testament Greek, released the book last month after over six years of preparation. Entitled *The Doctrines of the Christian Religion*, it is currently in mimeographed form but will be published in hard back form later.

"We decided we would let some of the colleges use it in temporary form for a year, offer constructive criticism, and then we'll do some revising and publish it in permanent form later," says the author.

A man capable of writing on the subject, Dr. Stevens has taught Christian Doctrines more than twice a year for the past ten years. During this time he could not find a textbook on the subject to his liking, so he decided to write his own.

The latest book is Dr. Stevens' second. In 1960 he published "That Ye May Believe," a writing dealing with the doctrines of John.



Loyd Pelham

Chicago Crusade Coordinator Named

Loyd Pelham, minister of music, First Church, Pascagoula, will serve as co-ordinator of the Chicago Music Witnessing Crusade, scheduled for April 18-29, 1966.

As co-ordinator, he will assist the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, secretary, in enlisting seventy Baptist music directors from Mississippi to assist in music evangelism in the Great Lakes area.

He will also participate in the crusade and will co-ordinate many of the responsibilities.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and several states are jointly assisting Illinois Baptists in this great evangelistic effort.

At the invitation of Illinois Baptist, the church music forces of Mississippi have undertaken a mammoth challenge: to provide the host of church music directors for the crusade. Each music director participating in this missionary venture will be asked to do four things:

Lead music for a revival meeting in one church; do personal witnessing; provide music training as the opportunity affords itself; join with a men's chorus in presenting a program of sacred music on Sunday afternoon.

Possibly, this is the first time church music leaders in our state have ever undertaken a task of this proportion, according to Mr. Hall.

Churches, interested in sending their music director, should write immediately the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. Each church is also asked to finance its music director's travel expense of \$150.00. A church in Chicago will take care of accommodations.

The group of music directors will leave Mississippi on Monday, April 18, and return on Saturday, April 30. They will be away from their churches one Sunday.

Thaxton Calls Full-Time Pastor

Thaxton Church in Pontotoc County, a rural church of 114 resident members, took a great forward step on Nov. 21 by voting to begin full-time preaching services and calling Rev. Billy Ray Nelson of Greenville as pastor.

Mr. Nelson accepted and preached his first pastoral sermon on Nov. 28. He is a former resident of Thaxton, and graduated from the local high school in 1963. He also attended one year at Itawamba Junior College and took a business course in Memphis.

He and Mrs. Nelson and their six-year-old daughter plan to move into the pastorial about March 1.

NASA Official To Address Church Building Leaders

NASHVILLE — Dr. William R. Lucas, National Aeronautics Space Administration official from Huntsville, Ala., will address church building consultants Dec. 13 at their annual meeting at the Sunday School Board.

Sunday school superintendent at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, and chairman of the Forward Program emphasis there, Dr. Lucas is chief of Materials Division of Propulsion and Vehicle Engineering Laboratory at NASA.

Church building consultants will meet Dec. 13-14 with the staff of the Board's church architecture department. The meeting will be directed by Dr. W. A. Harrell, department secretary.

MY COMMITMENT TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, I prayerfully commit myself to witness for Christ.

Date _____ Signature _____
↑ (Detach for wallet or Bible marker) (Turn in to church) ↓

MY COMMITMENT TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

WITH GOD'S HELP I WILL SEEK TO:

- ☐ Pray for the lost by name
- ☐ Distribute evangelistic tracts
- ☐ Express personal concern to lost friends
- ☐ Tell what Christ means to me
- ☐ Visit with a more experienced witness
- ☐ Mark and use a New Testament in witnessing
- ☐ Participate in a witness-training program
- ☐ Share and explain Scripture passages on salvation
- ☐ Lead my family to witness as a family
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Mississippi Baptist Convention is "Every church baptizing every month". Should every church average baptis-

ing just one each month it would mean around 22,000 won to Christ and baptised in 1966. Some churches will do far better than this. Dare any church think in terms of less?

Crosby Pastor's Wife Voted 'Outstanding'

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Stewart of Gillsburg were recently notified that their daughter, Carol Ione Stewart Moody, has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women in America.

The news of this award came to them in a letter from the editor of the 1965 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

Carol received the Citizenship Award as a senior at Liberty High School. During her four years at Mississippi College, she served on both the Greater Council and the Executive Council of the Baptist Student Union. She was graduated from Mississippi College with a B. S. in Education degree in 1962.

A faculty member of the Pascagoula Public School System, Pascagoula, 1962-63, and St. Bernard Parish Schools, Chalmette, La., 1963-64, she held membership in the Mississippi Education Association, Louisiana Teachers Association, National Education Association, Department of Classroom Teachers, and Parent Teachers Association. She is currently a member of the Amite River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Carol was a member of the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., during the summer of 1959. While her husband was attending New Orleans Seminary, she was a member of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee at the Seminary.

She is the wife of Rev. Charles M. Moody, pastor of Crosby Church, Crosby, Miss. Their son, Stephen William, was born February 22, 1965.

Ludlow Presents Organ Recital

G. Edward Ludlow, Assistant Professor of Organ at Blue Mountain College, teacher of Music Appreciation, and other courses in the Music Department of the College, has just presented his annual Faculty Organ Recital at the College.

Mr. Ludlow is active in the North Mississippi Chapter and campus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, having for four years, participated in the special section of the organ programs of the Guild, playing a recital for the group.

He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and his Master of Music degree from Drake University. Just prior to his going to Blue Mountain College, he studied for a year with the world-famous Danish organist, Finn Videro, under a Fulbright Award. At Drake University, he won the William and Verna Stevens Original Composition Award.

Immediately after the Faculty Organ Recital, the Music Club of the College, the Vivace Club, and other members of the Music Faculty, honored Mr. Ludlow and his wife with a formal reception.

Mr. Ludlow is Organ Accompanist for the Blue Mountain College Chorus on many occasions.



Tilden W. Fryer, Calhoun City—MRE James W. Street, Clinton—BD Gerald H. Smith, Brookhaven—BD James E. Sanders, Pachtula—MRE



James E. Parker, Senatobia—BD Leonard E. Gandy, Jackson—BD Ben Purvis, Tylertown—MRE Joe H. Ratcliff, Carthage—MRE

COMMENCEMENT SET

NEW ORLEANS—Scheduled to receive diplomas during winter commencement exercises at New Orleans Seminary Jan. 18, are 37 students, including one doctoral candidate. Activities will begin at 7:30 P.M. in Levee Chapel.

The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Padgett C. Cope, pastor of Wylam Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. (Shown above are those from Mississippi)



Harvey D. Ivey, Kosciusko—TAM

Hong Kong College Adds Department

Hong Kong Baptist College this year opened a department of secretarial studies, with Miss Kathryn White, missionary from Oklahoma, as chairman.

The new department is proving quite popular, enrolling many young women interested in a secretarial career, reports Missionary Lucy E. Smith, another Oklahoman, who is administrative assistant of the college.

Hong Kong Baptist College has been in operation for 9 years.



Theo Sommerkamp

Joins European Press Service

European Baptist Press Service, news agency of the European Baptist Federation, is expanding its work by the addition of a professional journalist to the EBPS staff. He is Theo Sommerkamp, a university graduate in journalism, who was for the past 10 years assistant director of Baptist Press, Southern Baptist news agency in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Sommerkamp arrived in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, where the press service has its office, November 24. With him are his wife and their three small children. After a few weeks in Ruschlikon Mr. and Mrs. Sommerkamp will spend two months in Germany in language study. He will take up full time work with the press service March 1.

John A. Moore, professor in the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, has given half time to EBPS serving as director since the establishment of the press service in 1961. Mr. Sommerkamp will take over responsibilities in directing the service before the present director leaves in June 1966 for a year of furlough in the USA. (EBPS)

New York.—Research into Bible Reading habits and use will be one of the new activities made possible by the New Bible House under construction for the American Bible Society.



Larry Springfield

Hurricane Creek Adds Staff Member

Hurricane Creek Church, Marion County, has called Larry Springfield as minister of education and as music and youth leader.

Mr. Springfield, a native of Mobile, Ala., and a student at Carey College, was formerly a student at Mobile College. He will become the first paid staff member in the history of the church, other than the pastor.

Rev. Ronnie Herrod, pastor for the past five months, reports that the church is enjoying growth in every area. (They recently joined the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.)



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, at 7:30 P.M. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Dr. Brooks Haynes, Chairman of the Music Department of Blue Mountain College, will direct his twelfth Special Chorus Christmas Music Program, as the evening worship service of Lowrey Memorial Church. Shown in the above picture are the members of the 54-voice chorus; at the extreme right, Dr. Brooks Haynes, Director, and President E. Harold Fisher at extreme left, are accompanists, Melvin G. Alford, pianist, and G. Edward Ludlow, organist. Blue Mountain's Chorus Program will feature a Christmas Hymn, written by Martha Gray, Coffeyville, a music student. The program will include a Russian and a French Carol, arranged by Dr. Brooks Haynes.

Newest In Books

A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT by Raymond B. Brown and Volm a Darbo (Broadman, Student's Book, 96 pp.; Teacher's Book, 192 pp., both paperbacks)

Weekday Bible Study Series. For use with 14-year-olds, but may be adapted to use with other intermediates.

THE LIFE OF JESUS by Robbie Trent (Broadman, paperback, 95 pp.)

Weekday Bible Study Series. Student's book. For use with nine-and-ten-year-olds. Interesting reading. Attractive illustrations. There is a companion 182-page teacher's book, by Robbie Trent and Harriett H. Maffett.

ANCIENT ISRAEL From Patriarchal to Roman Times by Charles F. Pfeiffer (Baker, 65 pp., paper \$1.50.)

Shield Bible Study series guide for Old Testament study.

CONQUERING by Wesley H. Hager (Eerdmans, 110 pp., \$2.95)

Certain obstacles lie in man's path to growth "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man," namely, failure, anxiety, boredom, regret, nerves, prejudices, handicaps, weariness, trifles, futility, death. The author talks about ways to conquer these obstacles and to become a mature Christian.

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC, 1966, by Robert B. Thomas (Hayes, Choate, Swan, The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dublin, New Hampshire, 03444, price 35 cents)

Published every year since 1792, this is still a fascinating little booklet. It contains weather forecasts, recipes, anecdotes, games, puzzles, old-fashioned pictures, the story of Dick Whittington and his cat, illustrations from Don Quixote, farmers' planting tables, postal laws, table of measures, — and so on down an intriguing list.

THE DIARY OF A WIDOW By Frances Beck (Beacon Press, 142 pp., \$3.95)

"You're 35 years old, have three healthy happy children, a fine husband, a bright future, when suddenly he is dead. . . . This started out to be a diary about death, but turned out to be a diary about life—the life of a young widow who had to carry on in the face of many problems and anxieties. Women who have experienced the same situation will find solace and help in this book.

THE THICKNESS OF GLORY by John Killinger (Abingdon, 158 pp., \$2.75)

These 10 sermons are related to the inadequacy of language to speak of God, and to the human mind to comprehend him.

REVERENCE FOR LIFE by Albert Schweitzer (Philosophical Library, 77 pp., \$2.75)

An anthology of selected writings of the great man who has given his life to people of Africa, edited by Thomas Kiernan.

TZEENAH UREENAH by Norman Gore (Vantage, 258 pp., \$5.00)

A Jewish commentary on the book of Exodus.

KNOWING GOD'S SECRETS by John Hunter (Zondervan, 151 pp., \$1.50, paperback)

The writer deals with "the secrets" of a new life in Christ. In the introduction, Major W. Ian Thomas says, ". . . the secret of a changed life is an exchanged life!"

WHEN I GROW RICH by Joan Fleming (Collier Books, New York, 223 pp., paperback, 95 cents)

A mystery story about a young couple enmeshed in intrigue-ridden Istanbul.

MISSION IN METROPOLIS by Jesse Jai McNeill (Wm. E. Eerdmans, 145 pp., \$3.50)

The late author served for fourteen years as pastor of a metropolitan church. He wrote, "The question is not whether or not churches should be involved in the life and ways of an urban world. The question is how they should be involved." This book gives some answers to that question.

52 EVANGELISTIC ILLUSTRATIONS by Billy Apostolon (Baker, 122 pp., paperback, \$1.50)

A collection of usable illustrations for preachers, evangelists, speakers, or writers.

PROTESTANT CONCEPTS OF CHURCH AND STATE by Thomas G. Sanders (Doubleday, 388 pp., \$1.45)

Paperback edition of a book dealing with a much-debated issue.

A MANUAL FOR BOY SCOUT TROOPS IN CHURCHES by Enno E. Klammer (Baker, 81 pp., paperback, \$1.00)

A guide for Boy Scout leaders in churches, to help them develop a spiritually rewarding program of activities.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEEN-AGERS by Robert W. McIntyre (Baker, 40 pp., paperback, 50 cents)

A three-or-four-page commentary on each of the ten commandments, slanted to catch the interest of the teenagers. Excellent material for teen-age discussion groups.

THE STRATEGY OF EVANGELISM by Charles S. Mueller (Concordia, 96 pp., paperback, \$1.25)

"Road signs" to pastor and people toward best methods of evangelism.

SPECIAL OCCASION HELPS by C. M. O'Gulm (Baker, 85 pp., \$1.95)

Ideas to help the preacher on each occasion as the laying of a cornerstone, the dedication of a building, the marriage ceremony, the golden wedding anniversary, the baccalaureate sermon, etc. There are also helps for delivering funeral messages.

A FOUNTAIN SEALED by Margaret Epp (Zondervan, 280 pp., \$3.95)

A fine new missionary novel, written by a Canadian who is the daughter of former missionaries to China.

HONEY AND SALT by Muriel Hanson (Beacon Publications, Minneapolis, 61 pp., 75 cents)

Sweet and seasoned meditations to inspire homemakers.

THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY by Arthur E. Graf (Eerdmans, 207 pp., \$3.95)

An effective evangelism program for the Christian congregation.

THE TRUE STORY OF CHRISTMAS by William W. Orr (Scripture Press, paperback, 33 pp.)

This is an interesting little booklet dealing with the various persons and events connected with the story of Christmas. Comes with envelope, and is suitable for mailing as a Christmas greeting.

DEVOTIONALS, HOPE FOR TODAY by Marguerite Connell; **DEVOTIONALS, LOVE'S IMPERATIVES** by John Deane; **DEVOTIONALS, IN STEP WITH GOD** by V. Raymond Edman (Moody Press, 62 pp. in the first two, 48 in the latter, 95 cents each)

Collections of devotionals, illustrated with excellent photographs of natural scenery. Glossy covers depict scenes of exquisite grandeur.

MEMLO, THE PERSIAN STABLE BOY by Dr. B. H. Pearson (Good News Publishers, a One Evening Condensed Book, 64 pp., paperback, 50 cents.)

A memorable Christmas story, about a young man who sought for, and found, the Christ Child.

ILLUSTRATIONS FROM NATURE by Virginia Whitman (Baker, paperback, 132 pp., \$1.50)

Illustrations from the world of natural history, for use by preachers, evangelists, speakers, writers.

Dye's "A Cloud Of Witnesses" In December TU Magazine

NASHVILLE — "A Cloud of Witnesses," an article by Harold Dye appearing in the December issue of "The Baptist Training Union Magazine," concerns John the Baptist's recognition of Jesus and pointing John and Andrew to Him.

"Mr. Dye, pastor of Baptist Temple, San Jose, Calif., is well known for his creative expression of Christian truth," says Dr. Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Training Union department, and magazine editor.

"In keeping with the denominational emphasis on proclamation and witness during 1965-66, Mr. Dye offers poetic excerpts from the life of Christ — partly biblical, partly imaginative, and wholly inspiring to the serious reader."

Dye is the author of three Broadman Press books: "This Gold Is Mine," 1958; "The Weaver," 1961; and "A Story To Remember," 1962.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Eliminating God From American Life

Atheists are becoming very bold in their effort to eliminate God from American life.

Last week's news wires carried a story which reveals that their demands are becoming ridiculous.

A school in Queens, New York City, has halted the singing of the fourth stanza of the song "America" because a girl objected to the use of the word "God" in that final stanza.

To yield to such pressures is utterly absurd. Will the school also cease to sing the last stanza of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner"? It makes reference to God. Will they have to eliminate entirely such beloved songs as "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful"? These songs mention God in every stanza. Will the school have to quit teaching the great documents of American history? The Mayflower Compact, The Declaration of Independence, almost all other state papers and great speeches, and even the United States Constitution itself, contain references, either directly or indirectly, to God. There will not be much history left to teach if God is eliminated. Will the school quit using American money? Much of it carries the words "In God We Trust."

Of course a school should not yield to such pressures and eliminate the use of the word "God" from its songs, teaching, and other practices. The Supreme Court, in its decision in the prayer case, made no such ruling. The court simply said that states or governing bodies could not require prayer or worship in the public schools. It specifically states that it was not ruling God out of the public schools, and certainly it should not do so.

We fully agree that the rights of individuals must be respected, but we believe that includes all individuals. The majority of Americans recognize the part that God has had in the establishment and preservation of this nation, and they desire to sing about it in their songs, and to study the references to it in their history. Their rights to sing those songs and study those historical records must be protected, along with the protection of the individual who does not believe in God. We suggest that when patriotic songs refer to God, the atheist simply refrain from singing. When reference to God is found in historical document or record, let him remember that most Americans believe that. He has the privilege of disagreement, but he does not have the right to deny to others their right to study or use it. What the atheist does about money, we cannot say, but we presume that he continues to use it even though it bears God's name.

Individual rights must be guaranteed, but we all need to remember that those guarantees protect the rights of all individuals. While efforts are being made to protect a minority, or one individual, the majority must not be forgotten.

A Tool For Witnessing

Have you wished that you could be a witness for Christ to some lost friend or neighbor or other lost person, but have hesitated because you felt that you would not know what to say, or what scriptures to use? Have you heard others tell about experiences in witnessing to lost souls and longed to be able to do the same?

A tool has been prepared, by which any saved person who can read, can give a strong scriptural witness to any lost soul. There are numerous tools, and soul winning helps, but the one of which we speak seems to be one of the most effective we have seen.

How can you, as a Christian, use it? First, go to the Baptist Book Store, or order from it, two or more copies of a special New Testament called the Soul Winner's New Testament. Not just any New Testament will do for the witnessing we are discussing. It must be this special edition prepared by Evangelist Clifton Brannon, and published by The Clift Brannon

Evangelistic Association. This special edition of the New Testament has numerous special features and helps, but its basic soul winning feature is a chain of scriptures with accompanying comments. You will need at least two copies, because you will be giving one copy to the person you are seeking to win to Christ.

The plan of witnessing is simple. You offer the copy of the New Testament to the person to whom you are witnessing. He may say that he has a New Testament, but you can say that this one is different. When he asks what is different, you can tell him that you are there to show him.

Then you ask him to turn to page 308 which is the first reference in the chain you are going to use. There you will ask him to read the scripture, and you (from your copy) will read the comments. These comments are explanation of the scriptures read, with their application and appeal to salvation.

Fourteen different scripture sections are read, and the truths they present are discussed. The full message of salvation is presented and an appeal is made to the lost person to repent and believe and be saved. After the witness has thus been given, you can request the person to whom you have given the New Testament to promise to read all of the passages and comments privately after you are gone. Certainly, you can pray for the Holy Spirit to use the Word of God to bring the lost person to a saving experience with Jesus Christ.

At the recent Laymen's Spiritual Retreat at Camp Garaywa we heard Evangelist Brannon present the plan for the use of this edition of the New Testament and immediately we were impressed that here was a tool which any person could use in soul winning. It has been used in winning many persons to Christ, and we are confident that it will be used to win many more.

If you have wanted to be a witness but have felt that you did not know how, we suggest that you order two of these New Testaments today. (They may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 127 North President, Jackson, Miss., and cost \$1.00 per copy).

"I like a Highland friend who will stand by me, not only when I am in the right but when I am a little in the wrong." — Sir Walter Scott.

The Baptist Forum

Disagrees With Editorial

Dear Dr. Odle:

In Christian love I wish to take exception to your editorial in the October 28, 1965 issue of *The Baptist Record* entitled "History Repeats Itself."

First, in discussing the 17th century Bunyan — Kiffin debate, you imply that the New Testament teaching about the Lord's Supper is closed communion and that any Baptist church failing to practice closed communion will cease to be Baptist; yet, you do not demonstrate that the New Testament does in fact teach closed communion. In my opinion, Bunyan had the better of the argument from the Scriptures in his debate with Kiffin. Bunyan feared a "breach of love" which would come from excluding from the Lord's Supper people who had not been immersed. Bunyan's opponents maligned him as "a Machiavellian, a man devilish, proud, insolent, presumptuous, and the like." Apparently, the case for closed communion was so weak, Bunyan's opponents felt they had to resort to character assassination.

The practice of open communion does not necessarily lead to the loss of the distinctive Baptist character of a church. The three greatest Baptist preachers of the nineteenth century, Robert Hall, Alexander MacLaren, and Charles Haddon Spurgeon all practiced open communion; yet, their churches, or outgrowths from their churches, still exist today as Baptist churches. However, sadly enough, churches on both sides of the communion question among Baptists in England are in a state of decline today. Robert Hall asked, "Where... is it asserted in the New Testament that no unbaptized person shall partake of the eucharist?" Joseph Kinghorn, his opponent, could not cite one instance. Hall concluded, "No man, or set of men, are entitled to prescribe as an indispensable condition of communion what the New Testament has not enjoined as a condition of salvation."

Second, you imply that closed communion is a distinctive Baptist doctrine. As a matter of fact, Baptists have always been divided on the communion question. Many Southern Baptist churches today practice open communion, and I might add, their work is flourishing. At a recent ordination council meeting in which I participated, the candidate for ordination was being questioned about his view of the Lord's Supper. In the ensuing discussion, it became apparent that not only the candidate, but a majority of the pastors

present believed in and practiced open communion. The closed communions were led by a pastor who emphatically stated, "My old daddy fought for these beliefs!" However, the rest of us were not convinced that closed communion was right just because his old daddy believed in it.

The real question is not open or closed communion, but Baptist church succession. This theory, promulgated by G. H. Orchard in the early 19th century and popularized by the leaders of the Landmark movement, J. R. Graves and J. M. Pendleton, traces the Baptist "trail of blood" through the Marcionites, the Novatians, the Paulicians, the Cathari, etc. If some Baptists want to claim kinship with such heretical groups, they have the privilege of doing so; but I prefer not to. Actually though, the historical origin of Baptist churches is quite beside the point. The real question is: should our faith rest in a doubtful theory of Baptist church succession or in the living Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ?

If you can show me from the New Testament that the Baptists who practice open communion are abandoning the "clear teachings" of the New Testament, as you claim, and from Baptist history that they are compromising "our doctrines and practice," as you also claim, then I will be convinced—but not before.

D. Wayne Evans, Pastor
Thompson Baptist Church
Smithdale, Mississippi

(Editor's Note: This letter is far longer than we ordinarily accept for the Forum, but since it is an answer to an editorial, we decided to use it, despite its length. We have no intention of entering into lengthy debate on this issue right now, but we must say four things. (1) There is not the slightest inference anywhere in the New Testament that any person other than baptized believers ever partook of the Lord's Supper. The issue then is on what is recognized as baptism. (2) The New Testament clearly states that when there is division (doctrinal or otherwise) in the group seeking to observe the Lord's Supper it is "not... the Lord's Supper." (I Cor. 11:18-20). (3) We do not back down from the contention of the editorial. Baptist witness has weakened when such practices have continued over a period of time. England is just one example. Of course "open membership" is more hurtful than open communion. (4) Our position is not based on "Landmarkism" or any other "ism" but on the New Testament. The issue will be discussed more fully in a "doctrinal issue" of the Record planned for sometime in 1966.)



PRAISE GOD AGAIN!

This past week I have the privilege of preaching to the Mississippi Baptist Convention under the astute leadership of Executive Secretary Chester Quarles. This fair-minded, democratically spirited Christian gentleman has caused a oneness of fellowship to exist among the brethren of that state.

In Mississippi, the pastors and laymen believe that that which unites them is so much greater than that which divides them they cannot be separated.

I salute these gentlemen as an exemplary fellowship.

PRAISE GOD YET AGAIN!

There were more than 10,000 young people gathered in the Memorial Coliseum of Jackson, Mississippi last Thursday evening.

When I stood up to preach, the Holy Spirit caused me to change my sermon approach. I did not refer to my notes a single time.

All of us on the platform sensed the power of God in our midst as we carried along by the surge of the meeting.

When the invitation was given young people came forward from all over that magnificent building. Mr. Ed Stalenecker who sang for the service estimated the number of decisions as "well over two thousand."

This was the most inspiring moment of my life — and I thank the Baptists of Mississippi for allowing me to be a part of it.

When three thousand young Vietnamese march it is published in every publication in the secular press.

When ten thousand young people rally to the cause of Christ it is hardly mentioned. Perhaps this is what is wrong in America. Evil has such a sense of press agency.

O, well...

— Jess Moody in The Prawn
(Publication of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida.)

The universe is a stairway leading nowhere unless man is immortal.—E. Y. Mullins.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not complete according to birthdays.)

December 13 — Mrs. Georgiann Holliman, Carey College faculty; Mrs. Dorothy Crow, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

December 14 — Mrs. L. G. Kee, Clarke College faculty; R. L. Steelman, Oktibbeha association Brotherhood president.

December 15 — Mrs. O. M. Jones, Baptist Book Store; Jackie Rowe, staff, Children's Village.

December 16 — Mrs. Paul Cooper, WMU vice-president, District IX; Bradley J. Pope, Baptist student director, Mississippi College.

December 17 — Leonard Thompson, Baptist Building; Andrew Clark, Baptist Building.

December 18 — J. A. Blunt, Tishomingo associational Sunday school superintendent; Martha M. Bigelow, Mississippi College faculty; December 19 — Nancy Ann Ellis, faculty, Blue Mountain College; L. D. Wall, superintendent of missions, Tallahatchie-Quitman Counties.

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PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

Leads For Leaders

(No. 4 in a series of 6)

All of us have seen individuals trying to fill leadership roles by running "hot and cold." One day they are greatly excited about some daring new project. They see visions that even Isaiah couldn't imagine. They dream dreams that would have put Joseph to shame. But the next day they are down. They grow cold and discouraged. And the far-off goals and the big-sounding boasts are dropped like an elevator with a broken cable.

Why do so many well-meaning "leaders" fail at this point? Perhaps it is failure to practice the fourth principle of leadership: Leaders must see further than people, but the telescope must not replace the microscope.

A good leader sees far down the road. He develops long-range plans. But he does not spend so much time with the telescope (far-off goals) that he neglects the microscope (detailed planning for today's tasks). Which is another way of saying that whereas perfection is no trifle, trifles do make perfection.

Wise leaders take nothing for granted. They scrutinize details. They are skilled in the use of the microscope. On the surface, this may not appear true. But go behind the scenes in the lives of gifted leaders and you will find that, like a good architect, they can see every brick in the building before the foundation is dug.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

A Changing Times study on teen-age marriage practices (November 1965 issue) states: about one out of two brides this year will be under 20... one out of two teen-age marriages will end up in separation or divorce... the chance of success for teen-age marriages in America is about a third as good as for marriages of those in their twenties. Experts blame over-anxious mothers and indifferent fathers for a situation which pushes children into paired relationships too early. Other factors are the "get-it-now" attitude characteristic of an affluent society, the concept of marriage as an escape from an unhappy home situation, or unexpected pregnancy (one authority stated that "approximately one-third to over one-half of all young marriages involve premarital pregnancies"). Conclusion of the study: only the exceptional teen-age marriage really works. Despite this dismal



Newest In Books

GET IN THE GAME! by Bill Glass (Word Books, 150 pp., \$2.95)

This is the autobiography of the all-pro defensive end with the Cleveland Browns. Bill Glass played his college football at Baylor and there he determined to be God's football player. In this book, he shows how his football career has been aided, and made possible, by his vibrant faith in Christ. Foreword by Billy Graham.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIOUS QUOTATIONS edited and compiled by Frank S. Mead (Fleming H. Revell, 534 pp., \$11.95)

This is an astonishing collection of usable religious quotations from many sources, many faiths, many shades of opinion. For reference work, it could well be an indispensable aid to speakers, clergymen, students, and libraries. Within its pages are nearly 12,000 quotations, indexed by subject. The author, a distinguished editor and writer, is also an outstanding preacher and teacher. At present, he

conclusion, an attitude frequently encountered among teen-agers is, "If it doesn't work, I can always get a divorce."

is editor-in-chief of the Fleming H. Revell Company.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES, 1966 by Wilbur M. Smith (W. A. Wilde, 447 pp., \$2.95)

This Sunday school commentary contains lesson plans and outlines, audio visual materials, excellent bibliography, comprehensive index, Bible expositions, and suggestions for the teacher's library. Dr. Smith is widely known for his outstanding knowledge of books of the Bible.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS by Alan Cole (Eerdmans, 158 pp., \$3.25)

Another volume in the Tyndale Bible Commentaries, a commentary prepared as a "concise, workable tool for laymen, teachers and ministers." It is a verse by verse, commentary, giving full explanation and interpretation of every thought in the epistle and bringing in much rich information which the average Bible student would not have. It is not an exhaustive commentary but a valuable one.

THE COMFORTABLE FEW by Pierre Berton (Lippincott, 137 pp., \$3.00)

American edition of a book first published in Canada

about a year ago. It is a critical view of the Anglican (Episcopal) church in Canada and other Protestantism by a man who no longer claims any connection with Christianity, although he was reared in the Anglican church. The book was written at the invitation of a committee in the Anglican church of Canada, and created controversy even before it appeared in print. The author is very critical of many areas of the life of the church and its teachings. Many of the things which he says are not relevant to Baptists, or to Baptists in the United States, but some are. The average reader will not agree with some of the author's conclusions, but will be led to do some thinking about what the modern world is thinking of Christianity.

THE SECULAR CITY by Harvey Cox (Macmillan, 276 pp., paper, \$1.45)

A discussion of the modern secular city and its problems, especially religious problems. The author's ideas and suggestions concerning the solution to religious problems of the city will not be fully acceptable to conservatives, but the author does make one think of the complexity of these problems.

The Death Of God

By Duke K. McCall,
President Southern Baptist
Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
(from the December, 1965,
issue of The Tie)

Certain radical Protestant theologians have announced recently that their "god is dead." I am relieved to hear it. Of course he did not die; he was always dead, as Isaiah 44 pointed out long ago.

I hope it will soon be acknowledged that other gods are dead. For all gods fashioned by human minds are as dead as the idols carved from a leftover cooking log by an ancient Israelite.

All the gods we imagine with our immature understanding ought to die. Finite gods which are simply wishful projects of our own hopes and pride, and are limited in their characteristics and demands to some segment of American culture, need to be buried.

This is the grain of truth in the "death of God" theology.

The error is the assumption that God's life is dependent upon man's ability to think rationally about him or to identify divine movement either within the church or within society. This implies that God is finite because he can be encompassed by a finite man. It implies that God can act only in ways that are intelligible to human experience.

Bible Reveals God

The Bible is the story of the mighty acts of God. As President Bennett of Union Theological Seminary wrote, "... if there had been more stress on the Old Testament on its own terms, distinctive Christian faith would have had broader support." The entire biblical revelation is less concerned about the speculative understanding of God than it is with the encounter between man and God in terms of what God is doing. The focal point is what God is doing in Jesus, the Christ.

Philosophical Method

Contrast this with the fallacy of the insistence by Professor Paul VanBuren of Temple University in Philadelphia who, having been trained in the philosophical methods of linguistic analysis, "begins with the problem of speaking 'meaningfully' about a god for whom no sensory verification is possible." Put another way, you cannot verify this "god talk!" There is an assumption that all human knowledge is tentative; therefore, you do not verify but rather falsify a proposition. Further, the only valid means of falsifying are subject to sensory perception. This makes God an equivalent of Newton's law of gravity, which was falsified by Einstein. At the most, their god is a hypothesis needed in the early, unsophisticated period of human development to do such things as hold the stars in place before the discovery of law of gravity. Since today science is on the verge of creating life, god is no longer a useful hypothesis to account either for creation or the continuity of the universe. (But see Colossians 1:16-17)

There is, however, a point not subject to sensory verification or falsification which both theologians and scientists who try to go it alone without God assume. By an act of faith they trust their minds to be compatible with ultimate reality. This faith for them is an instrument of knowledge. Accepting this premise as a live option, I much prefer, and am committed to, Hebrews 11:3, "By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear."

Some Gods Ought To Die

To put it bluntly, the kinds of gods so finite as to be limited to human institutions or cultures or thoughts ought to die. They are but a modern form of idolatry and have cursed the world. The transcendent God of the biblical revelation can be known by faith, the same human instrument at the base of all knowledge, and he can be met through the biblical record of his mighty acts, which in the cross of Jesus Christ transcends time, so that it is in the present tense that we meet the living God brought within our apprehension in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is the celebration of the mighty event when the infinite God stepped into the narrow confines of human experience in Jesus, child of Mary, Son of God, born to die, but risen that in him we ourselves might have life everlasting.

Not only does God live, but his Son our Saviour lives, and we too shall live with him. Hallelujah!

President Among

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Points To New Day

He tries to remake God to conform to his own wishful thinking and make himself comfortable in his sins," Graham said.

"We trust this is not the end, but only the beginning of a new spiritual dynamic in the churches of Houston. We now pass the torch to the pastors and the Christians. This crusade has touched a wide spectrum of community life ranging from space scientists to political leaders. But the great majority of people who came were students," Graham said following the closing service.

Regarding his health Graham said, "I am feeling much stronger than when the crusade started." A slight infection which nagged the evangelist in the early days of the crusade was gone, he said.

When asked about future plans for Texas, Graham said, "We have no definite plans but we are in contact with several cities including Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Austin."

During the 10-day Houston Crusade 380,194 people journeyed to the Astrodome, with 13,103 coming forward making decisions for Christ.

In 1952, the first time Graham held a crusade here, he drew 462,500 to Rice Stadium. But it took five weeks to set the mark. Slightly more than 7,500 made inquiries then.

The Houston Crusade was the largest meeting of Evangelist Graham since his Los Angeles meeting two years ago. Nearly 1 million people heard him then.

The next scheduled crusade is set March 4-13 in Greenville, S. C.



PRESIDENT ATTENDS CRUSADE—Pres. and Mrs. Johnson leave the Astrodome in Houston with Billy Graham after the final Greater Houston Crusade service Sunday afternoon. Approximately 61,000 people overflowed the famed structure and 1,662 persons came forward to register their decisions for Christ. Nearly 400,000 attended the 10-day crusade, with 13,103 registered decisions.

ECHOES OF BABEL—

Trilingual Wedding

The opening prayer was in Arabic, the ceremony in English — translated into Chinese — when Wang Ming-fa and Shys Ling Lui were wed in University Baptist Church, Beirut, Lebanon, one Saturday afternoon in October.

"Oh, for the time before the Tower of Babel!" comments Rev. James F. Kirkendall, Southern Baptist missionary pastor of the English-language church. He performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Yusef Costa, Lebanese Baptist pastor.

The bridegroom, Wang Ming-fa, is a Chinese who has been attending the church while studying Arabic in the Lebanese University, Beirut. The bride, Shys Ling Lui, came from Taiwan for the wedding.

A consular official from the Nationalist Chinese Embassy

in Beirut gave the bride away, then stepped to one side to translate for her. Guests included the Chinese Ambassador and members of the Embassy staff, persons from Beirut's Chinese community, other friends, and students from the Lebanese University and the American University in Beirut. Ann Kirkendall, 15-year-old daughter of the pastor, played the wedding march.

Miss Lillie Mae Hundley, Southern Baptist missionary, was hostess to the bride prior to the wedding, and she helped purchase white Lebanese silk brocade for the Chinese-style wedding dress. A missionary to China for nearly 30 years (and then in Hawaii for eight years), Miss Hundley has worked with university students in Beirut since 1961.

What Has Happened To Christmas?

By Lois I. Carver
Ocean Springs

Has Christmas been buried at the bottom of the pile that promises to provide "a gift suitable for every member of the family"? My heart breaks for the Christ Child to whom many in the world will lift their glasses to say, "Here's to you, Baby Jesus."

How many will visit friends and relatives to assure them of their love, and give no thought to the poor and wretched of this world who are without hope?

Those lovely Christmas hymns blare out in every department store, and on every street corner. Do we get so accustomed to them that they become merely the popular hits of the season?

And, oh tragedy!! Do be-

come so engrossed in heaping upon the children every conceivable gift that we fail to introduce them to the "unspeakable gift"?

Oh, there are some to whom Christmas is not just a time of the year, but a way of life. Thank God for these!

If we give gifts because we must, and if we visit our friends because it is traditional, and if a carol comes to our lips just because it is everywhere around us, we have missed a very precious experience.

We must stir in the magic ingredient of love. If God so loved us, then we in turn must love. Only then can we humbly and reverently observe Christmas.

But, unto many in this world I must say, "Whatever happened to Christmas?"

Off The Record

I SMILED AT THIS—

A lady said to her husband, "Honey, I think we ought to live in a more expensive neighborhood." Her husband replied, "We already do. The landlord just raised our rent!" —W. C. Hultgren

The second-floor tenant called the party below and shouted, "If you don't stop playing that blasted saxophone, I'll go crazy."

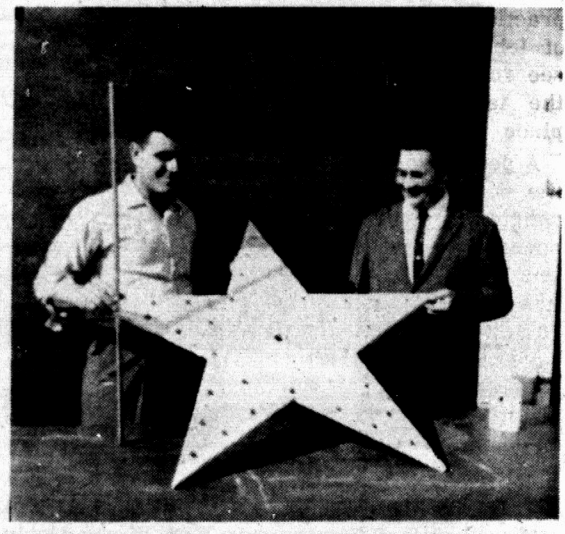
"I guess it's too late," came the reply. "I stopped an hour ago."

Why is it some fellows make every effort to learn the tricks of the trade, when they could just as easily learn the trade?

Another guy who's just showing off is a middle aged man who trots up an escalator.



CLARKE COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK TOWARD FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL—Top photo: Violet Jennings, Benton, and Tommy Melton, with whom she "baby sits"; bottom left (l. to r.) kneeling—Gayle Dillon, Tylertown; Wanda Scott, Belden; standing (l. to r.) Carolyn Knight, Mobile; Frances Geiger, Natchez; Evelyn Carpenter, Winona; Lilly Ward, Grenada, rake leaves. Bottom, right —Rev. Albert Brady, maintenance superintendent; and Rev. J. B. Costlow, BSU director, with star. Under the leadership of the Y. W. A. and the Baptist Student Union, Clarke College is working toward their Foreign Missions Offering goal of \$2,465. Students work at odd jobs in spare time, as baby-sitting, raking leaves, washing cars, etc. The plywood star, shown above as it was being made in the college shop, has space for 33 stars, which are to be lighted progressively as gifts advance. The central star will be lighted when the goal is reached. Rev. J. P. Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador and an alumnus of the college, spoke there recently in connection with the Lottie Moon offering effort.



Unto The Furtherance Of The Gospel

By Dr. James E. Coggin
President, Southern Baptist
Pastors' Conference

(On May 31, 1965, Dr. James E. Coggin was elected President of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. On June 21, 1965, Dr. Coggin and his family were in the shadow of death. On September 12, 1965, Dr. Coggin — wearing a neck brace due to injuries sustained in a near tragic automobile accident — preached in his pulpit at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. This is a digest of the sermon preached on that day.)

Philippians 1:12: "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel."

All things are for good — whether it be stoning, imprisonment, ship wreck, or an automobile accident — if it serves for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God has a miraculous way of transforming bad into good — evil into righteousness — defeat into victory. Splashed against the canvas of God's immortal and eternal Word are multitudinous examples of this blessed truth. . . . Joseph . . . Moses . . . Isaiah . . .

But Paul is our example at hand. He had gone to Troas—

there he heard the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Paul answered that cry and went to Philippi, where he led Lydia to Christ. She thereby became the first convert on the European continent, and now the glorious gospel of Jesus was headed westward.

Later Paul was imprisoned in Philippi. After his release as he went on his journey, he always had a peculiar spot in his heart for this church at Philippi. Later we find him again in prison, probably in Rome. The church at Philippi loved Paul dearly and sent Epaphroditus to take a gift and a message to him. Paul sent Epaphroditus back to convey the message of the book of Philippians. This is perhaps one of the best loved books of all the Scripture, because herein we see the very heights and depths of the Christian faith as it is described by a man who thought it out, wrought it out, and fought it out under the very severest of circumstances.

This passage is from a man who is not looking for an easier life, but rather is from a man who has found what to live for because he has found what to die for.

The essence of Paul's statement is, "My friends, the things which have happened unto me have happened for the furtherance of the Gospel!"

Don't worry about my being in prison—through this hardship the Good News will be spread abroad. I know that all the attendant circumstances will result in the very highest good."

Now our analogy comes at this point. I think that I would be unfair to God, to my convictions and to you if in this first message I did not share with you a testimony out of those twelve weeks of what might be described as a bitter experience—but yet, what I consider probably the greatest blessing that has ever come to my life. I am better physically (except for this injury); I am better mentally; I am better spiritually, because it does something to you to spend weeks and weeks of uninterrupted time with God.

Twelve weeks ago tomorrow night my family and I were in this accident which I believe, as Paul stated concerning himself, has been, will be for the furtherance of the Gospel.

I want to share with you some things which I have learned — things which are as spiritually simple as the mathematical formula 2-plus-2-equals-4, yet they can be so easily forgotten or obscured or completely ignored until the sharp edge of our spiritual lives becomes insensitive and dull, because we have

omitted some of the primary prerequisites in the Kingdom of God.

One of the chief lessons I learned was the Providence of God.

You will recall that the scripture states that Paul at one time wanted to go to Spain, but God prevented him and he was never able to make the journey. Instead of getting Spain, Paul got a prison, and out of that prison came some of the greatest epistles that Paul wrote. So you see, if you miss Spain and get a prison, it does not mean necessarily the end of everything — it may mean the beginning of something! I certainly think that is true concerning our own lives.

It was late at night on Monday evening, June 21. We were on the last 80 miles of a 4000 mile trip, and then it happened so quickly — just split seconds which could have spelled the difference between a mangled automobile or just another close call. But it did happen—there was the screeching of tires, the veering back and forth of the automobile, the sudden flipping over of the car and the skidding for 30 or 40 feet on the roof of the car—then the thunderous impact against the guard rail. And with every split second there was the question in our minds, "Is this sudden death?"

But it wasn't Death's turn — Life was the Victor. I know that many people die in less dire happenings and the only explanation for my being here this morning is the Divine Providence of God — that God had something else He wanted me to do for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

From the very fact of owning the particular car that we were in, to the men who appeared instantaneously on the scene, there was evidence of God's Divine Providence. Truly He brought us out of darkness and the shadow of death.

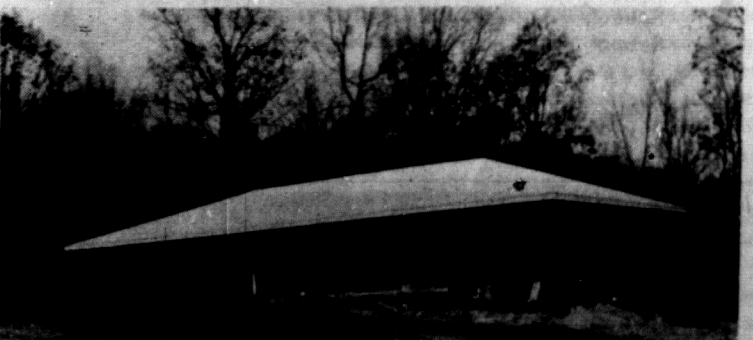
But there is another thing that I have learned — I wish that I had learned it a little sooner — Patience — Waiting on God — the sufficiency and adequacy of God's grace.

You know, it's just amazing what you can learn in twelve weeks — things that go unnoticed in the busy whirl of life; but God says, "Be still and know that I am God." Before that wreck I was so busy that I hardly noticed the beauty of nature. I was so busy with books and papers and meetings and appointments and with this and that, that I almost forgot the creativity of God in the world about me; but I've had time to pause and look at it—the trees, the grass, the birds; to see the clouds as they form

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RETIREMENT GIFT—In the above picture Rev. J. B. Smith is receiving from Chairman of Deacons of the Ackerman Church, R. T. Ward, a gift of \$1,000.00 from the church treasury. Standing by is Mrs. Smith. This was retirement day for Mr. Smith. Gifts from the church, Fentress church, friends locally, and friends from Hollandale and Magee, amounted to more than \$2,000.00 on this special day. Lunch was served in the dining room to a huge crowd.



MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF BALDWIN held dedication services for their new parsonage (pictured above) on Sunday, December 5. Rev. W. C. Gann, superintendent of missions, Prentiss-Tishomingo Counties, preached the dedication message at 11 a.m. Dinner was served at the church, and open house held at the parsonage in the afternoon. Building Committee members were J. P. Davis, Duane Wallis, and Dewitt Palmer. Rev. H. T. Curbow is pastor.



ADAMS ASSOCIATIONAL RECREATION CLINIC leaders, shown above, met recently in Natchez to make final plans for the area clinic which is being held this week, December 6-10. Left to right, standing: Rev. Burns Barrett, chairman of exhibits; Rev. Richard Pass, superintendent of missions and chairman of social and hospitality; Rev. Hap Worsham, general chairman; and Franklin Haygood, chairman of publicity; seated: Rev. J. B. Sebastian, chairman of registration; and Rev. Fred Robertson, pastor of Parkway Church, Natchez, host church.



CLARKE ALUMNI PRESIDENTS—Shown above, left to right, are Rev. Charles Hollifield, outgoing president of Clarke College Alumni Association, and Mrs. Hollifield; and Mrs. Leon D. Wall and Rev. Leon D. Wall, new president of the association. Mr. Hollifield is pastor of Morgantown Church, Natchez, and Mr. Wall is superintendent of missions, Quitman and Tallahatchie Associations. A meeting of alumni and friends of Clarke College was held at Calvary Church, Jackson, November 16. Approximately 300 attended. Other officers elected were Rev. Harold Wilder, Tupelo, vice-president; Joe Baker, Newton, treasurer, and J. H. Street, Newton, secretary.



TO HEAD SEMINARY TRUSTEES—The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth elected these officers at its semiannual meeting Nov. 23. Dr. W. M. Shamburger, right, pastor of First Church, Tyler, is the new chairman; Dr. James S. Riley, left, pastor of Second Church, Houston, is vice-chairman; and Dr. Wayne Evans, the seminary's business manager, is secretary-treasurer. The board also approved an operating budget for 1966-67 of \$1,884,484, an increase of \$119,028 over the current year.



PEW CUSHIONS



Christmas Drama Goes On Air In Spanish

The Radio - Television Commission's Language Department, under the direction of Jerry Pillow, has prepared special seasonal dramatic programs for Christmas, 1965. The department has produced a 30-minute drama "Un Regalo Precioso" ("The Precious Gift"), a radio adaptation of the television film of the same name. Following "Un Regalo Precioso" is a 15-minute program "Nochebuena En Los Alpes," the story of the writing of the Christmas carol "Silent Night," the Baptist Hour choir sings this carol "Noche De Paz." The program also includes a Christmas vignette and the reading of the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke.

Pillow anticipates that more than 300 stations will air the programs during the Christmas season, with requests for the programs already received from Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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- These materials (plus Adult-Young People series of Witnessing leaflets) should be ordered on the January-March church literature order form under "Special Study Materials." Your teachers will also need a copy of the study guide and the pupil's book.
- NOTE: See pages 6-8 of the December 1965 Builder for preview study of these alternate lessons.

ADULT THRUST YEAR 2

IN JANUARY - MARCH 1966

FOCUS GROUP 2: Adult Prospects Whose Children Are Enrolled in Sunday School (See Pages 39-40 of the DECEMBER BUILDER)

The suggested church actions involved in the above focus groups are for use by Cradle Roll, Extension and Adult Department superintendents in preparing to reach Adult prospects whose children are enrolled in Sunday school.

NOTE: Refer to the January 1966 Builder for "Visitation Approaches" with Adult prospects whose Children are enrolled in Sunday school.



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Film Strips Tell WMU Value

New film strip "Environment For Missions" tells the distinctive part Woman's Missionary Union has in fulfilling the churches teaching task. It is produced by the Sunday School Board Broadman Film Department.

You may use in the following ways:

- Help enlist members and leaders.
- To help interpret the work in the Woman's Missionary work in the church.
- To help tell how the YWAs, GAs, and Sunbeam Band organizations provide missionary education for the church. This would be good to use during the Focus Week of different organizations.

Environment For Missions 50 frames of color photography, a recorded narration, and a manual. The price is \$7.00. If your church is enrolled in the church audio visual education plan, you may obtain the film strip at a 47% discount.

Home Mission Study—"PANAMA CROSSROADS OF THE NATIONS"

The books and teaching helps are available in the Baptist Book Store. The teachers will find excellent suggestions in the teaching helps—including a supplement prepared by the Home Mission Board. A plastic record is an "extra"—this gives sounds from Panama, testimonies and information.

The December issue of Home Mission gives some important information as to personnel changes in Panama, the measuring of the Panamanian and the National Anthem.

Names and Prices of Books
PANAMA, THE LAND BETWEEN (for WMS)—75¢
BONANZA SOUTH (for YWA)—75¢
EAST IS WEST (for Intermediate GA)—50¢
GUAYMI BOY (for Junior GA)—50¢
COCONUTS FOR PETER (for Sunbeam Band)—50¢

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Hollandale Receives Honor Church Diploma

Recently the Hollandale Baptist Church observed Training Union Day. During the Morning Worship Service the final seal was awarded and affixed to the Honor Church Diploma. This was the climax to three years of tireless effort on the part of the Training Union Director, Don Schilling, and several committee chairmen who are pictured above. (1 to r, front row) Thomas Keith, Associate Director, Rev. Joe Hudson, Pastor, Don Schilling, Training Union Director. (back row) Mrs. Floyd Lynk, Miss Allie Mae Keith, Allen Tyner, Minister of Music and Youth, Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. H. T. Saunders, Miss Lois Fyren is not pictured.

This program has greatly encouraged and enriched the work of Training Union in the church, and the results are being reflected in the total church life. A good Director, and some loyal associates, have together made the work of Baptist Training Union a most vital part of the church's life and service.

More Than 600 Professions Made In Spanish Campaign

Members of Redentor Baptist Church, in Sabadell, Spain, were disappointed. By Friday night, in a week of special evangelistic services, only one person had professed faith in Christ.

Though disappointed, they were not daunted. On Saturday they took turns praying around the clock. And while some were at church praying, others visited prospects. The result: On Sunday morning there was one more profession of faith, and that evening, when the church was filled, 31 persons rose, indicating their desire to accept Christ, as soon as the evangelist gave the invitation.

The 33 in Sabadell were among more than 600 persons who made professions of faith in Christ during Spanish Baptists' first nationwide evangelistic campaign, October 10-31. Forty-six churches and mission points cooperated in the effort, 16 churches in the northeastern part of the country holding services the first week, 14 churches in another area the next week, and 16 more churches the final week.

First Baptist Church, Madrid, reported the largest number of decisions for Christ, 61. Eleven of these were made the day after the campaign was supposed to have ended. The church members, learning that their evangelist was not due to leave until Tuesday, had extended their campaign through Monday evening instead of closing on Sunday as planned.

The Baptists of Carlet extended the campaign in their village with a special service at 10 p. m. Sunday. (The late hour was necessary because the evangelist had to preach in Valencia that evening.) When the invitation was given, at about eleven o'clock, two persons accepted Christ.

Enthusiastic church members at Alicante found their 400-capacity auditorium was too small. They tore out a wall between the auditorium and a Sunday school room and were able to accommodate 600 persons. Fifty professions were recorded there during the week.

At Elche a taxi was hired to take the evangelist to a mission point. While the driver waited in the street during the service, he could hear the sermon from the upstairs chapel. Once, years earlier, when he had been a sailor, he had attended a Baptist church in Asuncion, Paraguay. Now, hearing the message of salvation a second time, he professed faith. And within the week his wife and son also trusted Christ.

The church in Murcia, with only 25 members, reported 20 professions during the campaign. Those making decisions included a young man who was converted one evening, and the next morning rode his bicycle four miles to attend a seven-o'clock prayer service.

Evangelists included six Baptists from Latin America and pastors and missionaries in Spain. General campaign chairman was Rev. Lorenzo Juan Lacue, president of the evangelism committee of the Spanish Baptist Union. Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's consultant in evangelism and church development, helped plan and conduct the campaign.

Pre-campaign rallies in Alicante, Barcelona, Valencia, Jativa, and Madrid, (where the featured speaker was Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board) drew capacity crowds of Baptists.

Reporting on the campaign, a visiting Southern Baptist editor said it was a matter of "every Christian witnessing to his family, neighbors, and other acquaintances." He quoted the pastor of First Church, Madrid, as saying: "There's a special spirit in my church now. All the members are bringing people to church."

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Hymns Of The Month For 1966

	Baptist Hymnal
JANUARY— "Ye Servants of God" (Lyons)	147
FEBRUARY— "What a Wonderful Saviour!" (Benton Harbor)	130
MARCH— "Glorious Is Thy Name" (Glorious Name)	138
APRIL— "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" (Hendon)	161
MAY— "Now to the Lord a Noble Song" (Duke Street)	19
JUNE— "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (My Redeemer)	143
JULY— "Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme" (Manoah)	49
AUGUST— "Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise" (Ariel)	7
SEPTEMBER— "March On, O Soul, with Strength" (Arthur's Seat)	422
OCTOBER— "Revealing Word, Thy Light Portrays" (St. Petersburg)	177
NOVEMBER— "Thou Hast Said, Exalted Jesus" (Greenville)	390
DECEMBER— "I Know Not How that Bethlehem's Babe" (St. Agnes)	276

All Hymns of the Month for 1966 are in Baptist Hymnal. Most of the hymns are also in Broadman Hymnal, Christian Praise, and other hymnals in general use in Baptist churches. See the following materials for promoting and using the Hymns of the Month:

The Church Musician—Each issue contains a historical article, a theological and doctrinal interpretation, and a choral arrangement based on the Hymn of the Month.

Hymn Tune Preludes for the Organ, No. 1 (26b)(x) and Hymn Tune Preludes for the Piano, No. 1 (26b), collections of arrangements of the Hymns of the Month for 1966, and Hymns of Our Faith (26b), the handbook to Baptist Hymnal, are available at Baptist Book Stores.

The hymns selected for the months of January through September undergird the denominational emphasis—"A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclamation and Witness." Hymns for October, November, and December are appropriate for use during the first quarter of the year of emphasis on education.

(x) Order from the Church Music Department the new pamphlet, 12 Devotional Programs Based on the 1966 Hymns of the Month.

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Belmont, 1st	300	103 1
Brookhaven, 1st	750	228 4
Canton	91	54 1
Canton, Center Terrace	360	130 1
Cleveland:		
Morrison Chapel	103	71
Clinton, Morrison Hts	407	209 3
Columbia, Fairview	365	194 2
Columbia, 1st	190	226 1
Concord (Noxubee)	73	34
Greenwood, North	414	129
Grenada, Emmanuel	416	130 3
Grenada, 1st	611	199 1
Gulfport, 1st	850	238 1
Handsboro	448	107
Hattiesburg:		
University	181	89 1
First	717	277 2
Houston:		
Parkway Chapel	75	53
1st	325	149
Jackson:		
Crestwood	340	167
Woodville Heights	326	107
Robinson Street	342	160 1
Broadmoor	1615	573 2
Midway	454	158 1
First	1490	288 1
McLaurin Heights	337	156
Lakeview Mission	15	15
Briarwood Drive	311	136
Highland	361	181 2
McDowell Road	320	169 4
Alta Woods	1150	401 2
West Jackson	500	215 22
Parkway	1051	427 8
Hillcrest	676	267 9
Daniel	475	218 3
Calvary	1551	537 5
Mission	77	47
Ridgecrest	839	305 1
Colonial Heights	310	123 1
Woodland Hills	736	193 1
Oak Forest	585	205
Southside	336	175 2
Kosciusko, 1st	494	164
Main	479	159
Maple St.	15	15
Laurel:		
Magnolia St.	437	223 3
Second Avenue	479	154 3
Main	355	124
Mission	392	162 1
West Laurel	501	172 7
Highland	191	82
First	238	102
Leakesville, 1st	554	140 2
Lexington, 1st	517	117 2
Long Beach, 1st	37	23
Main	80	41
Mission	117	76 3
Marion Co:		
Hurricane Creek	236	136
McComb:		
Navilla	238	71
South	193	111
Locust St.		
Meridian:		
Collinsville	134	84
Calvary	469	186 1
Main	398	146 1
Fewell Survey Man	27	40
Pine Springs Man	34	28
Fulton Avenue Man	412	116
State Boulevard	160	85 1
Eight Avenue	524	200 1
Fifteenth Avenue	560	194 1
Poplar Springs Drive	399	159 3
Oakland Heights	193	73
Monticello		
Mountain Creek	89	48
(Rankin)		
Northside	179	62
First	655	253 2
Pascagoula, 1st	774	266 4
Main	726	266
G. C. Nursing Home	12	
Martin Bluff	34	
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	315	109 2
Pearl	385	178
Petal-Harvey		
Main	308	
Memorial Drive Msn	114	58
Pocahontas	450	197 6
Pontotoc, First		
Rankin Co:		
Sunbeam	174	86
Rosedale, 1st	155	74
Ruth	61	39
Sandersville	217	152 3
Star	137	85 1
Starkville, 1st	1909	451 8
Tupelo:		
West Jackson St.	237	110 4
Calvary	621	221 4
First	538	178
Vicksburg:		
Thirtieth	670	217
First	670	217
Bowman Avenue	433	201 1
NOVEMBER 28, 1965		
Bethlehem (Jones)	116	
Booneville, 1st	382	131 1
Main	336	104
Crestwood	46	27
Brookhaven, Central	180	75
Goodwater (Simpson)	134	73
Hattiesburg, University	123	73
Houston, 1st	325	140
Juka	319	131
Laurel, West	371	155 1
Laurel, Plainway	195	131 2
Long Beach, 1st	416	96
Main	391	85
Mission	25	11
Lyon	20	62
Roundway Mission	19	15
McComb, Locust St.	178	114
McComb, Navilla	245	148
McComb, South	249	75
Macon, 1st	198	86
Petal-Harvey	335	97
Main	323	
Memorial Drive	561	182
Picayune, 1st	539	
Mission	22	
Poplar Flat (Winston)	158	84 1
Sandersville	204	140
Tupelo, 1st	520	222 1
Tupelo, Harrisburg	658	219
West Point, 1st	494	205
THIRTY		



PARTICIPANTS IN note-burning ceremony of Second Church in Greenville are, from left: Albert Freudenberg, treasurer; Mrs. Flora Hawkins, charter member; Rev. Roy D. Raddin, pastor; Walter Kendall, deacon chairman.

Second Church, Greenville, Burns Note

The Second Church of Greenville paid the final note on its church property last month. Payment of the \$46,773.19 note which leaves the church property debt free for the first time in its history.

Another historical first for this church is the fact that this year the church over-subscribed its new budget for 1966 in the amount of \$9,049.06.

Rev. Roy D. Raddin is pastor of the church and, since he became pastor two years ago the church has received 300 new members to its roll. A building fund has now been started to build additional property in the future.

Unto The - -

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their intricate patterns—the great snowy peaks or the deep caverns, and then as they move together in an army to do battle against the sun. There's something new when you see that. No wonder the Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows forth His handiwork." He was a shepherd who had time to be still and spend some time with God.

When you spend more time with God, you simultaneously come to know more about those who are dear to you—your own family and your own friends. I could write a volume about the friends in this church and across our Convention who have revealed a love and friendship which you take for granted sometimes.

I've come to have a new appreciation for Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God." But I want to come to this third thing, for God dealt with my soul at this point in a marvelous way—the matter of Death and the Will of God.

Paul said, "For me to live is Christ but to die is gain." May I share something with you that's as sacred as life itself. You see, I've never been ill this long; I've never been this seriously ill; I've never been this close to death. I've seen many people die, but I say to you from the depths of my soul that there was never greater calmness or solemnity than when they took my body from the automobile and placed it there on

the cement highway, and I was totally paralyzed. I could not even move a finger. I waited; deep, agonizing concern gripping my heart for my family, the precious cargo. How through those brief moments the thoughts can flood your mind! I quickly reflected on those of my own who were still in the car, and ere long my wife and I would be celebrating 22 years of life together, and the daughters who were there in the car, and her mother was there, and another daughter was far away in Mexico—and all of these things ran through my added brain as I was lying there on the highway. Then I saw that the members of the family were not dead—they were alive and apparently not seriously injured. Then I could hear the eerie sound of the ambulance, and soon my wife and I were placed in that ambulance. Still I could not move.

On the way to that hospital, I prayed as fervently as I've ever prayed. I said, "Oh God, apparently I am totally paralyzed. I cannot move, and I pray that you will let me die. Rather than be useless for Thy kingdom, for my family, for Thy truth, let me come home to be with Thee. Let me die!" There was no fear about death.

I was placed in the emergency room of that small hospital, still unable to move, and then I realized that I had not prayed aright. I whispered under my breath, just to God, "Lord, forgive me. I haven't prayed the right prayer. Lord, Thy will be done! Whether it's life, or death; whether it's activity or total paralysis—it's not my prerogative to pray for death—Lord, it's simply my privilege to pray, 'Thy Will be done!'"

After a while as the physicians worked with me, I began to be able to move the fingers, the toes, and I could feel the sharp instruments as they pressed them against my flesh to see whether I was paralyzed, and I began to be able to feel those instruments. After I had made that complete submission, I realized I was not paralyzed.

Really, it would not be bad to die! I'm convinced of that. Paul said, "I'm really torn between the two—to live is Christ, to die is gain." But oh, how glorious it is to be spared to live for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! There is a new surrender—a new dedication—a new spark in my own soul as I reflect on that which God has done.

You know, sometimes it's very difficult for us to discover God in our troubles. The disciples of Jesus had this problem. They could not see God in that cross. All that they could see was the death of their Master, but God was gloriously there. Jesus used that cross and that suffering, and He transformed it, and He made it redemptive! The hope that you and I have this morning is because of Jesus.



REV. TOMMY HARRELL, associate pastor and youth director for First Church, Gulfport, was surprised recently by the youth of the church. At a fellowship during the Thanksgiving holidays, a gift of a hundred dollar bill, suitably framed, was presented to him, as a token of the love and respect the young people have for him. Harrell has served the church in the present capacity since April, 1964.

Churches In The News

Harrisville Church ordained R. O. Amason (pictured) as deacon on November 21. Mr. Amason, the principal of Harrisville School, is Sunday school superintendent and president of the Young Adult Training Union. Rev. J. A. McCain is Harrisville pastor.



Rev. E. C. Blackwell

Is Ordained

West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, ordained Rev. E. C. Blackwell to the ministry on November 21, at the request of South Nettleton Church, Nettleton, where he was called as pastor.

South Nettleton was formerly a mission, but was organized into a Church on October 31, 1965.

Mr. Blackwell was called to this church on a unanimous vote of the 32 charter members.

Rev. Richard Clement is West Jackson Street's pastor.

We chased some rabbits, and we caught some rabbits. And we bring them to you, unpalatable fur and all. — From report of a work group, FMB

Madrid Church Buys Property

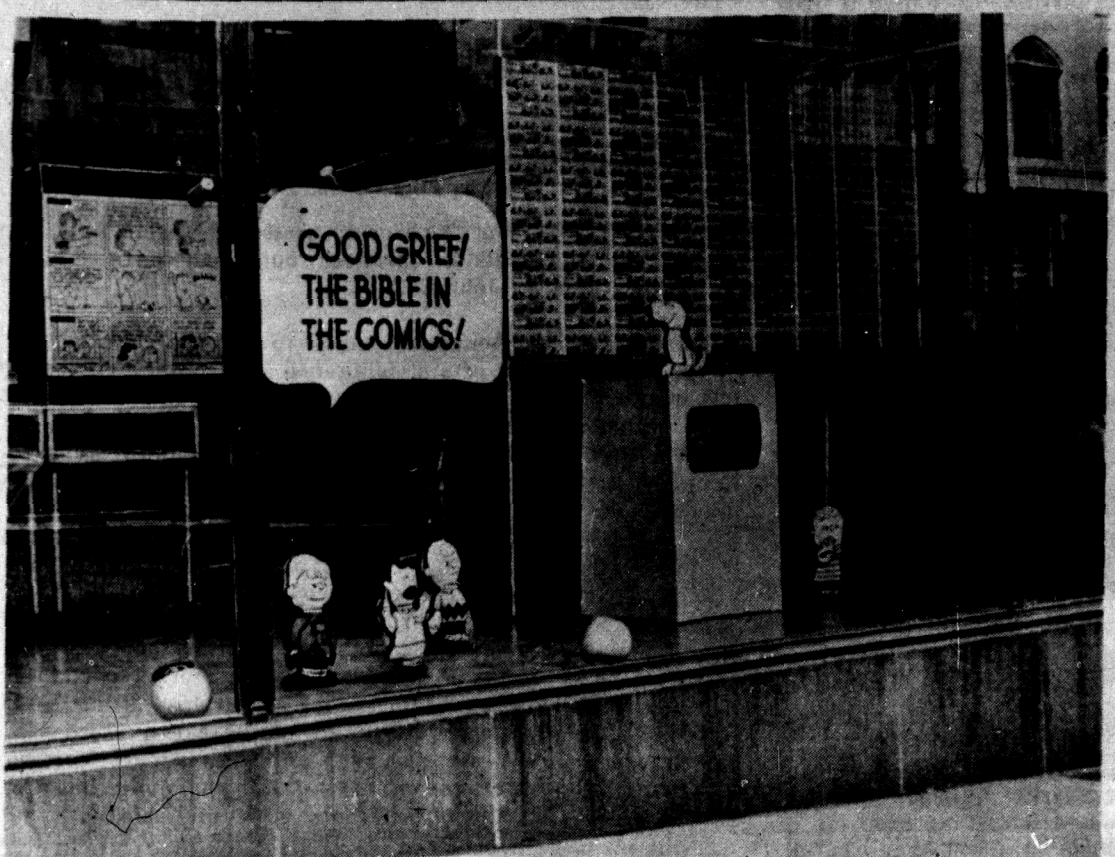
English-language Immanuel Baptist Church, in Madrid, Spain, which now meets in a rented apartment house, has acquired a former residence to remodel and use for its place of worship.

The new property, with considerable ground, is located near the Avenue of America, a major boulevard leading to the Barcelona highway. It will make Immanuel the first Baptist church in Spain to have a building that stands detached from other buildings, clearly indicated as a church.

Immanuel was also the first Baptist church in the country allowed to put a sign on the front of its meeting place to identify it as a church and list the time of services.

Organized in 1961, Immanuel Church is composed primarily of U. S. Air Force personnel from a nearby base and their families. Missionary James Watson is pastor.

New York. — Eye-catching flagpoles in the plaza of the new Bible House will fly the American flag, the flag of one of the nations in the United Bible Societies and flag of the nation receiving the most recent translation of the Scriptures — probably the most varied international flag display outside the United Nations.



'PEANUTS' AT THE BIBLE HOUSE—NEW YORK—A display featuring Charlie Brown and other characters in the comic strip, "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schultz, in the first-floor exhibition area of the American Bible Society's Bible House in New York is designed to show the relevancy of the Bible to modern-day life. In the illustrations, Charlie Brown puzzles over a wide range of problems encompassing religion, psychiatry and education. The Bible Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary "Year of the Bible" in 1966. (RNS Photo)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

Josiah: Delight In The Law

By Clifton J. Allen
2 Kings 21 to 23:30

Josiah was king in Jerusalem during the last days of the nation of Judah. Crowned king in boyhood, he faced a seemingly hopeless condition. But his heart was disposed to do right. When he was fifteen, the eighth year of his reign, Josiah consciously began to seek the Lord; and when he was twenty he began to break down the images to Baal and Astarte. Our larger Bible lesson records the inspiring story of how Josiah, in the eighteenth year of his reign, began to repair the Temple, deteriorating from nonuse. In this way the book of the law was found. Its message of warning and judgment caused the king to initiate a nationwide movement of religious reforms and of moral and social reconstruction. The outcome was a religious awakening that wonderfully blessed the nation and stayed the hand of divine judgment.

The Lesson Explained Made A King In Boyhood

(22:1-2)
Josiah was but eight years of age when he was made king. Likely, it was the influence of Hilkiah the high priest, teaching him the ways of Jehovah, that inclined Josiah to do what was right before the Lord. It was praiseworthy that Josiah was responsive to the spiritual instruction of persons like Hilkiah. But boyhood impressions were not enough. We learn from 2 Chronicles 34 that in youth Josiah faced seriously his own responsibility for knowing and doing the will of the Lord. God's Spirit surely wrought in the youth's heart. Josiah made some commitments that set his life with high purpose to rule in the fear of the Lord and to do all that was possible to lead his nation back to fidelity toward God.

Leading A National Revival

(23:1-5)
From chapter 22 we learn of the discovery of the book of the law — very likely a section of Deuteronomy — in connection with cleaning and repairing the Temple for the renewal of worship. When Josiah heard it read, he rent his clothes in repentance and humility as he thought of the widespread idolatry and moral depravity of his people. Josiah's energetic response shows the kind of person he was. He called the elders of the people together. He read in their hearing "all the words of the book of the covenant." He made a solemn covenant before the Lord — and to this all the people agreed—that they would faithfully keep the commandments and statutes of the law. And he then gave immediate orders that the Temple should be rid of every semblance of Baalism, that idolatrous priests should be put down, that the altars to Baal throughout the land should be broken down, that the residences of the Sodomites should be destroyed, that the altar to Molech where children were sacrificed should be destroyed, and that the place in Bethel for the worship of Baal should be destroyed. With unrelenting zeal, Josiah sought to wipe out idolatry, even to the point

of burning idols and slaying the priests. He then ordered that the Passover should be kept, as commanded in the book of the law. He was concerned that the nation should have a rebirth of morality, of justice, and true worship. Taking Religion Seriously (23:25)

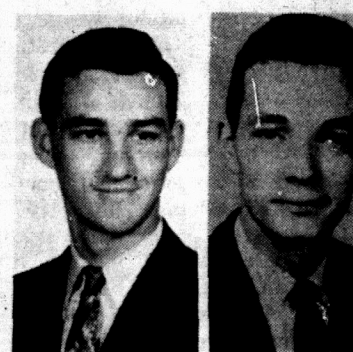
Religion was not incidental with Josiah. It was not a formality to save his conscience or a pretense to impress the people. Faith in God had been the dominant force in Josiah's life. It had determined the character of his reign as king. It had made him zealous to see Judah become a godly nation. It had supplied courage to take the extreme steps necessary to purge the land of religious practices that contributed to superstition and lust. It supplied inspiration to gather around him persons of full commitment to the law of Moses and to faithfulness to God.

Truths to Live By

Youth has tremendous potential. — During this crisis period young people achieve complete sex capacity, with all of its potential for evil or for good. They have tremendous potential for learning, for the development of skills, for competition in sports, for creativity in the arts, and for identification with persons and movements that can call forth maximum loyalty. Young people of this age may become fanatical followers of some glamorous figure in sports or entertainment or politics, and thus be subject to exploitation by unscrupulous leaders, or become a threat to law and order or to the proved values of a social heritage. The youth of our land can become the spearhead or organized lawlessness or the inspiring and dedicated supporters of a new thrust by Christians to make the power of Christian love a reality in human relationships.

The Bible points the way. — We raise important questions. How can we stop a skyrocketing crime rate, the gambling craze which bleeds our nation of economic strength, the plunge into sexual indecency and illegitimacy that destroys the very fiber of manhood and womanhood, and the production and sale of alcoholic beverages which weakens and debiles our nation with drunkenness? How can people be saved from false philosophies of government, of economics,

of personal values, and of man's place in God's universe? The Bible provides the answer; the Bible points the way. But we must find a way to bring its message to bear on the minds and hearts of our generation in the power of God's Spirit.



A. B. Short Elmer Lowrey

Westview Adds Two To Staff

Westview Church, Jackson, Dr. L. Frank Campbell, pastor, has added two new staff members.

Rev. A. B. Short, associate minister, moved to Westview from Daleville Church, Meridian.

Rev. Elmer Lowrey, minister of music, went to Westview from West Jackson Church, Jackson.

The word "courage" comes from the Latin word for "heart." Fearlessness is not a matter of head-knowledge of the situation, but a matter of the heart. Fearlessness is believing God is able.—Arthur House Stainback in ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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DEVOTIONAL—

Hope For All Mankind

By Rev. Nat Mayhall
Pastor, Fort Gibson Church

"I am the light of the world; he that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."—John 8:12

Every day the reminders come to say that darkness is spreading. Its forces of sin, ignorance, and misery are being felt in every land. This evil spreads its despair over nation after nation and chuckles at those who feel secure. Though we feel this influence which would destroy faith, weaken morality, and ruin lives, we have a message of hope for all mankind.

This message is in a person. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." He is our hope. His life was love and service, his death atoning sacrifice, his resurrection triumphant victory, his coming everlasting hope. In him our lives are anchored in eternal certainty. As the writer of one of our hymns has said, "Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea, or demons or men or whatever it be; no water can swallow the ship where lies the master of ocean and earth and skies."

This message depends on a personal commitment. In the gospels we find people after person coming face to face with Christ. Each is called upon to decide for him or against him. Matthew's call is an example. He was seated at the receipt of custom when Jesus passed by and said, "Follow me." The Scripture reads that immediately he arose and followed him. This same decision must be made today. Jesus says, "He that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Light comes to one person at a time through personal faith in Christ.

This message, however, is for the whole world. Haunting the heart of every believer is the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel. This hope is not reserved for us alone. It is to be shared with all men everywhere. Our lives must shine with the light of Christ. Our prayers must reveal compassion and love. Our lips must speak of salvation through faith. Our service must be directed toward those who are yet in darkness.



THIS CHOIR, made up of some of the first missionary journeymen, appears in a scene of a new motion picture, "MISSIONARY JOURNEYMEN, WHO? WHY?" The film takes the 1965 journeymen (single college graduates) through application, employment, training, dedication, and departure. It is available in Baptist Book Stores for a service charge of \$2.00.

Names In The News

Dr. W. Landon Miller, former Mississippi pastor, has resigned the pastorate of Ruhama Church, Birmingham, Alabama, to accept the pastorate of Northminster Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Miss Dorothy Lott, missionary to South Brazil, has completed initial language study in Campinas and moved to Rio de Janeiro, where she will be a secretary in the Baptist Mission office. Her address is Caixa Postal 90-ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil. Born in Sumrall, Miss., she lived in Mississippi and Georgia while growing up. She was appointed a missionary in 1964.

Miss Jennifer Reynolds, a 1964 graduate of Mississippi College, has been elected secretary of the Golden Gate Theological Seminary Class of 1966. Miss Reynolds, a native of Jackson, will receive the Master of Religious Education degree from Golden Gate in May of 1966.

Rev. Bob Yates has resigned the pastorate of Crooked Creek Church in Lawrence County to accept the pastorate of Mesa Church in Walthall County.

Rev. John Burns is the new pastor of Lexie Church in Walthall County.

Dr. Allen Webb will mark

his fifteenth anniversary on December 5 as pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Under his leadership, 439 have been baptized into the fellowship of the church, 589 have joined by letter, and 13 by statement.

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Jackson, Tennessee, will be "M. Night" speaker for Lauderdale Association, meeting at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on December 13 at 7 p.m.

Cassidy Leath, fifth child of Rev. and Mrs. John D. Ratliff, missionaries to Peru, was born November 8. Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff may be addressed at Apartado Aereo 572, Trujillo, Peru. He was born and reared in Floyd, N. M., where she, the former Wynona Haragan, grew up. She was born in Portales, N. M. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1952 he was pastor of Nortonville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Realess McDaniel and Murry Dowdle were ordained as deacons at New Salem Church (Lowndes Association) on Sunday, November 21. Pastors and deacons from three neighboring churches, Kolola Springs, Border Springs, and Antioch, participated in the service. Rev.

Banks Hardy, pastor of Antioch, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. Jack R. Brown is pastor at New Salem.

Nathan Saucier was licensed to the gospel ministry on November 10 by the North Greenwood Church, Dr. Charles Ray, pastor. The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Saucier, he is a student at Mississippi College.

Henry Lee and Varnell Moore were ordained as deacons at First Church, Tupelo, on a recent Sunday night. Dr. Samuel G. Shepard is pastor.

Rev. Arthur Blessitt, formerly of Mississippi, now of California, recently conducted two highly successful evangelistic campaigns. At Lucerne Valley, Calif., there were 10 professions of faith and 44 rededications. At San Bernardino, Calif., there were 32 professions of faith, six additions by letter, and 86 rededications. Mr. Blessitt, who recently entered full-time evangelism, will be preaching in revivals in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and Montana for the next several months. Contributions may be made to this "venture of faith," by check payable to the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association, P. O. Box 388, Yazoo City, Miss.

Dr. Don H. Stewart, Chairman of the Department of Biblical Studies at William

ABS Sponsors Radio Bible Quiz Program

NEW YORK — As part of its 150th anniversary "Year of the Bible" in 1966, the American Bible Society is sponsoring a special radio series through February 20 on its weekly Bible Quiz program at 7:35 a. m. Sundays on WNEB.

Three churches, each represented by one contestant, are featured on the quiz. Every fourth Sunday a winners' contest is held. A final quiz will be held at a later date.

Since its beginning on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, more than 3,600 contestants representing 100 churches and 18 denominations have appeared on The Living Bible program. It is believed to be the oldest quiz on the air today and the only "live" program on WNEB. Until 1958 the entire program, including organ music by Miss Kay Reed and solo selections by Douglas Stanbury, was broadcast "live." Since then the music has been recorded, but all other parts of the program have been presented "live" without rehearsal.

Oliver Named Baylor Staffer

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Baylor University here has named William C. (Bill) Oliver, former owner of the Waco Nursery Co., as assistant director of development. He is a 1940 graduate of Baylor, a former radio announcer, and a former Methodist church educational director.

Carey College, has just completed eleven months as interim pastor of First Church, Magee. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart were honored by the church with a reception after the evening worship service Sunday, Nov. 28. They were presented a six-piece engraved Georgian Court silver coffee and tea service in appreciation of their ministry. Rev. Mel Craft, State Sunday School Secretary for the Arizona Baptist Convention, has been called as pastor.



J. Reginald Moss

Bethlehem Calls Music Minister

J. Reginald Moss, student at Clarke College, has accepted a call as minister of music at Bethlehem Church, Laurel.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moss, Sr., of Vicksburg, he assumed his duties on November 21.

At Clarke he is majoring in voice and religious education, and is a member of the Clarke College Concert Choir, the Clarke Chorus, the Chorales, and the Men's Quartet.

Success Church Licenses Preacher

Rene J. Freret was recently licensed to the Gospel ministry by Success Church, Gulf Coast Association, Rev. Tom McNair, pastor.

Mr. Freret, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Freret of Saucier, is presently serving in the Army National Guard. He left on November 15, for six months active duty, at Fort Benning, Georgia, as Chaplain's Assistant.

Rene plans to finish college at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, and then go to seminary in New Orleans, La.

BAPTIST COLLEGE GIRLS BOLSTER VIET NAM TROOPS

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)—Coeds from Gardner-Webb (Baptist) College here have been writing to U. S. servicemen in Viet Nam in an effort to bolster their morale following demonstrations in the United States and draft-card burning episodes.

About a dozen or more girls who live in the HAPY (correct) dormitory at the Baptist owned junior college here have been writing to the servicemen since September.

Said one soldier in a letter: "We here in Viet Nam appreciate the fact that there are sincere Americans like you still around. I've received several clippings about the demonstrations in protest of our Viet Nam policy."

"Rest assured that the fighting men realize this misinformed group of theorists is a minority and doesn't reflect national opinion," the serviceman said.

Even though most rumors haven't a leg to stand on they have a way of getting around. Harold S. May, The Florence (Ala.) Herald.

RADIO-TV 'DIRECT MAIL' GETS RESULTS

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Direct Mail Advertising Association during its 48th annual conference held recently in Washington, D.C.

The recognition, one of 50 second-place awards given to companies from the United States and Canada, was for a series of five mailings to radio station managers offering the Commission's half-hour variety program, "Master Control." The mailing resulted in the scheduling of a total of 80 new stations for the program.

The mailings consisted of frameable reprints of eight historical drawings and photographs featuring the early days of radio with promotional folders to acquaint the managers with "Master Control" and to encourage them to request audition tapes.

SBC Annuity Board Wins Art Award

DALLAS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Annuity Board's 47th annual report has been selected as one of the 10 best examples of creative work in the 13th annual Dallas Advertising Artist Association Exhibit.

It is the second straight year that the Annuity Board has received the award.

Award certificates will be presented on Dec. 15, to John Block, director of the publication and communication department for the Annuity Board, and artist Harland Wright of the Hearne-Wright Studios who designed the 1965 winning report.

40 Libraries Set In October

NASHVILLE — Churches in 17 states and Canada registered 40 libraries in October with the Sunday School Board's church library department, bringing the total number to 13,302.



AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY—More than forty Mississippians are in residence at the Southern Seminary this year. Above are members of the "Mississippi Club," which plans activities for students and their families. Tim Townsend, a graduate of Mississippi College, is president (first row, left), and Dr. Frank Stagg, to Tim's left, is the faculty adviser. Dr. Stagg is the recently elected James Buchanan Harrison professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary.

Missions Seminar Planned For N. O.

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A seminar for superintendents of associational missions will be held at New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 24 — March 4, sponsored jointly by the seminary and the Home Mission Board.

Superintendents attending the eight-day seminar may elect to take the course for two hours of seminary credit. They will receive 32 hours of classroom work and 64 hours of outside assignments. Part of the studies will be in specific areas of leadership training.

Campus housing and meals are available for participants. Motels are also within walking distance of the campus.

(Reservations should be sent to Leonard L. Holloway, Office of Development-Public Relations, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3639 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans.)

Guatemala VBS

Eighty-eight prospective Vacation Bible school workers, representing 19 churches and five missions, attended a clinic in Guatemala the last weekend in October. They studied the Bible school books for various age groups and went over the worship program and music suggested in the director's book. One afternoon was devoted to inexpensive handwork projects.

Exploding The Gospel

By Arthur Blessitt

The world has heard and shaken with fear at the mighty power of the atomic bomb. The news of the atomic bomb which was first exploded about twenty years ago has been heard by the ears of almost every person on earth.

This should leave every Christian in utter shame, because for almost 2,000 years we have had the bomb of the Good News of Jesus Christ and we have failed to explode it to all the world. The greatest need in our day is to explode the message of Jesus to all the earth. The population explosion is sweeping our present day evangelistic effort off its feet. Year after year our world becomes less Christian and more ungodly. Man's efforts have and will forever fail to find the answer for our greatest need.

It is time to explode the Gospel!

We must confront this generation with the saving and redeeming message of Christ, or there may never be another.

It is possible, through modern means of communication and personal sacrifice, to present Jesus to our present world. If we do this the sacrifice and dedication of the New Testament Christian must be the mark of our Christianity. We must be willing to again be called "fools

for Christ". We shall have to pray for power and preach the Word! Let us bind our hearts together in prayer and service, that we can make known the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our time!

Evangelism Music Keynotes Current "Musician" Issues

NASHVILLE — Music in evangelism is the keynote of 36 articles appearing in the October 1965 - June 1966 issues of "The Church Musician," monthly publication of the Sunday School Board's church music department.

Special attention has been given to evangelism in music in connection with the 1965-66 denominational emphasis on "Proclamation and Witness" and on a June through May evangelistic effort known as "Every Christian A Witness—Now."

Articles in the December 1965 issue relating to this emphasis are: "Every Christian A Witness—Now," by Hines W. Sims, secretary of the church music department; "We Proclaim Our Beliefs Through Congregational Song" by Hugh T. McElrath, assistant professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Calvert Accepts Ashland Post

Rev. Robert E. Calvert, for eight years pastor of the church at Shugualak, has resigned to become pastor of the church at Ashland and has already moved on the field.

The church at Shugualak had a substantial and steady growth during his ministry. A \$100,000 church plant was completed and a \$20,000 pastor's home was built. There is no indebtedness.

There were 100 additions to the church, 49 of them for baptism.

Mr. Calvert was active in denominational affairs and served for several years as Convention Board member.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Trinity Church, Laurel: November 19-20; youth-led revival; Eddie Bryant, evangelist; Lee Gordon, song leader; Gloria Pickering, pianist; Judy Jefcoat, organist; (all the team were members of the BSU at Jones County Junior College; Rev. Gene Fant, pastor; three additions; 14 rededications; six surrendering for church-related work.

Texas Church Calls Mississippian

Sunday, Nov. 21, marked the first day of service for Russell Herrington, newly-called Youth Director at Trinity Church, Fort Worth.

He is a native of Mississippi, having lived in Union, Goodman, and Jackson, and a graduate of Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Music Degree. His wife, Annette, is also a Mississippi College graduate with a Bachelor of Music Degree.

Mr. Herrington served First Church, Durant, as Music and Youth Director before coming to Southwestern Seminary last fall to begin studies toward the Master of Church Music Degree.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Herrington. His father is pastor of Temple Church, Jackson.



Rev. Jack Kinley

Accepts Church In Clarke Co.

Rev. Jack Kinley, student at William Carey College, has accepted a call as pastor of Rolling Creek Church of Quitman, in Clarke County. Kinley, a native of Columbus, Georgia, was employed by United Oil Company of that city for nine years. Following his call into the ministry, he attended Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, before transferring to Carey.

Kinley is married to the former Gwen Johnson. They have two children, Gary, 15, and Judy, 13.

Former pastorates served by Kinley were County Line Church, Lumpkin, Georgia, and Bethel Church, Newton, Alabama.

Churches In The News

Highland Church, Jackson, will observe their 13th annual homecoming on Sunday, December 12. Rev. Judd Allen, the first pastor of Highland (at that time a mission) will preach at both morning and evening services. Immediately following the morning service, all members and guests will go to Policemen's Lodge on Boling Street for lunch and fellowship. Rev. Keith Hart is present pastor.

Mountain Creek, Rankin County, will serve supper at the church Saturday night, December 11, at 5 p.m., in connection with a youth-led revival in progress December 10-12. Rev. E. Y. Clegg is pastor.

Baylor Invites Applicants For Assistantship

WACO — Applications are now being accepted at Baylor University for a graduate assistantship in the university's church-state studies program for 1966-67.

The assistantship provides for full tuition and a stipend up to \$1,000. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a recognized college, qualify for graduate work at Baylor in history, political science or religion and should have undergraduate credit in all three fields.

Students interested in the assistantship should file a complete transcript of previous work with the dean of the Graduate School at Baylor and make written application for the assistantship before March 1, 1966.

Baylor's graduate program in church-state studies was established at the beginning of the current academic year. The interdepartmental program includes study in history, political science and religion and leads to a Master of Arts degree.

Longview Church Ordains Preacher

Longview Church, Oktibbeha County, ordained Rev. Bradley Wallace to the gospel ministry, on November 28.

Mr. Wallace has accepted a call as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, Oktibbeha County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Wallace of Longview.

Rev. Jimmie Horton, pastor of Adaton Church, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. C. S. Mullins, pastor of New Hope Church, gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. S. E. O'Brien, pastor, Wake Forest delivered the charge to the church; Gene Pellum presented the Bible.

Others on program included Rev. B. H. Wright, pastor, Calvary, Starkville; Fred Wallace, Mrs. Hunter Thompson; and Rev. J. L. Courson, Maben.